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Mob . . . at border fence

60,000 migrants storm to Europe

By AMIR RAZAVI

EUROPE was facing a new migrant crisis last night after 60,000 stormed a Spanish territory in a single day.

MPs warned that some of those who illegally flooded into Ceuta from Morocco after a court ruling would "inevitably" try to reach Britain – and demanded a strengthening of borders.

Full Story — Pages 8 and 9

EXCLUSIVE: ACTOR CHARGED

SHAME RICHIE

Enders star nicked for drink-driving after vape bust-up at petrol station

By MICHAEL HAMILTON

EASTENDERS star Shane Richie was arrested and charged with drink-driving after a row with petrol station staff about vaping on the forecourt.

Video shows the Alfie Moon actor, 62, *right*, saying "I don't give a f*" to workers who challenged him in Harlow, Essex, on Wednesday.**

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DRILLING BIZ SOLD OFF

NORTH SEA? IT'S OIL OVER FOR BP

Pulling out . . . BP rig

BP is quitting its North Sea oil and gas operations in a "deadly serious wake-up call" to Labour's Net Zero push.

The energy giant has been drilling the area for 60 years, now employing 1,100 off the Scottish coast.

Yesterday's announcement came only a day after PM Andy Burnham said he told US President Donald Trump "we can't ignore" Britain's natural resources, potentially

By TOM SCOTSON

paving the way to expand North Sea drilling, despite Labour's Net Zero obsession.

BP said it is streamlining by selling off parts of the business. Chief executive Meg O'Neill, *right*, said: "We believe our North Sea business will be better positioned as part of another company."

Tory Shadow Business Secretary Andrew Griffith warned: "This is one of those moments that should serve as a deadly serious wake-up call.

"Britain needs to compete, but the Government carries on putting up taxes and piling on red tape."

Reform UK's Richard Tice added: "The North Sea still has billions of barrels of oil and gas left, but for some bizarre reason this government prefers to import our energy."

Oil and gas companies have faced repeated tax raids from Tory and Labour governments in recent years.

But the industry faced a major setback after Labour vowed to ban any new drilling licences under the then-Energy Secretary Ed Miliband's Net Zero drive.

His successor, Miatta Fahnbulleh, is even more of a Net Zero zealot than he is, having previously championed Britain to go carbon neutral by 2034.

Ms Fahnbulleh said she is in close contact with BP and will be taking a "pragmatic approach" as "oil and gas will be part of our energy mix for years to come".

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Controversial . . . site

All-clear for China 'spy hub'

By MARTINA BET

A LAST-ditch effort to stop China's controversial super-embassy in London has been thrown out at the High Court.

Residents had appealed, arguing they could face terrorism, protests and fire hazard risks.

There were also fears the site could be used to target Chinese dissidents, with diplomatic immunity rules making it harder to enforce safety rules.

But judges ruled ministers had properly weighed up concerns before giving planning permission.

Security experts have issued warnings about the site at Royal Mint Court, near Tower Bridge.

Shadow Foreign Secretary Dame Priti Patel said: "Britain's national security is set to be compromised by a Chinese super-embassy spy hub."

Bet shop axe after tax rises

By TOM SCOTSON

BETFRED is to close 132 shops and cut 600 jobs after Labour's disastrous tax rises on gambling.

It means the firm will lose more than a tenth of its high street shops.

The bookmaker blamed new levies and "economic uncertainty" for the move.

Betfred boss Jo Whitaker said: "These are well-run shops, and it is incredibly hard to see any of them close."

The Sun's Save Our Bets campaign has been opposing recent tax rises.

Tory Shadow gambling minister Louie French said: "Labour should be backing British business, not piling on more costs and costing jobs."

LABOUR'S MANC JOY

Landslide . . . Bev Craig after win last night

By TOM SCOTSON

ANDY Burnham cleared his first electoral test as PM last night when his protegee Bev Craig won the race to be Manchester mayor.

In a landslide victory, the Labour candidate secured a combined number of 309,525 votes after the first and second round of polling.

Reform's Sian Astley came a distant second with 157,178 votes.

Candidates for the Greens, Tories, Lib Dems and Restore Britain were all eliminated after the first round.

After the result was declared, Ms Craig said:

"I never believed as a girl growing up on a council estate that one day I would have a chance to stand for the place I love."

Mr Burnham had triggered the contest after winning the by-election in Makerfield in June.

But voter turnout was a paltry 25 per cent, the lowest in the mayoralty's history.

Ms Craig will now have the powers to shape housing, transport, employment and policing across Greater Manchester.

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PM out of office

WHITEHALL mandarins are growing concerned by how little time Andy Burnham has spent in No10 since his arrival.

First Secretary of State Louise Haigh stressed the PM was simply "dedicated and committed" to getting out into the UK.

But The Sun understands some have raised concern about how little time he has spent at the heart of Government.

Ms Haigh said: "He is not the kind of politician who has to have a plan before he starts diagnosing the country's issues."

OCT 28 BUDGET

CHANCELLOR John Healey will unveil the first Budget of Andy Burnham's Government on October 28, it was announced yesterday.

He faces a test as he tries to fund the PM's priorities while sticking to Labour's manifesto tax promises.

Mr Healey said the Budget would be "built on fiscal discipline", meet the Government's fiscal rules and give businesses and families "the stability they need to plan for the future".

But he faces pressure to find billions for the PM's devolution drive and extra defence spending, with warnings the Iran war could put more strain on finances.

JURY TRIALS AXE 'RETHINK'

ANDY Burnham has hinted he is ready to scrap Sir Keir Starmer's plans to axe jury trials.

It was proposed to cut the backlog of more than 80,000 cases.

But the PM said he will look at it again and admitted he is "probably looking for changes".

PUB COST S.O.S.

MPs and pubs are calling on new Chancellor John Healey to slash alcohol duty to save boozers and give the industry a "fair shot".

Polling has found three in ten pubs fear they may have to close their doors for good due to crippling costs.

Labour MP Carolyn Harris told The Sun: "The current excise regime is devastating pubs." Director at York Gin distillery Natalie Hall said: "We're not asking for handouts, just a fair shot."

A Treasury spokesman said: "The Chancellor cut business rates by 20 per cent for pubs, social clubs and live music sites, saving locals over £1,000 a year."

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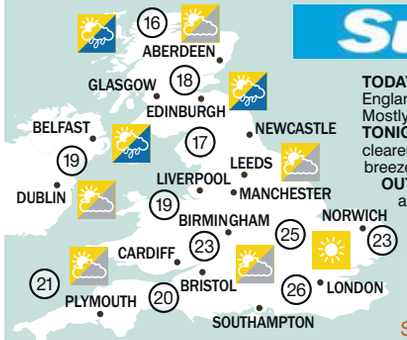

TODAY: Sunny spells across Northern and Central England, while Southern regions enjoy clear skies. Mostly cloudy in the West with light winds.

TONIGHT: Cloudy skies across most of England, with clearer conditions in Yorkshire and the Humber. Light breezes from varied directions overnight.

OUTLOOK: Sunday sees mostly cloudy skies across England with mild temperatures, while Monday brings warmer conditions and increased cloud cover.

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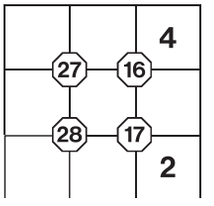

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

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OLYMPIC MEDALLIST ON STRICTLY & GLADIATORS

Dressed for success . . . Tabby at an awards do this year

Picture: GETTY

EXCLUSIVE by ROD McPHEE

OLYMPIC gold medallist Tabby Stoecker has signed for Strictly Come Dancing — in the same week she made her Gladiators debut.

The 25-year-old Team GB star, who won in the mixed team skeleton at this year's Winter Games, will start rehearsals for the dance contest in two weeks.

She will have to hot-foot it to London from the Utilita Arena in Sheffield, where she is filming a new series of fellow BBC One show Gladiators as one of the superfit recruits clashing with contestants.

Her Gladiator name is believed to be Gold Star.

A TV insider said: "Signing with two of telly's biggest shows is hugely prestigious, and virtually unprecedented.

"It also means that she'll be on our screens on a Saturday night for almost seven months in a row because Strictly runs from September to December and Gladiators airs from January and can go on until March.

"She's likely to be invited on the Strictly tour in the New Year too – so she's going to be kept very busy and will see her profile soar."

Tabby was the British Schools Gymnastics Champion and an acrobat before changing careers and bagging a string of world championship medals and trophies over the past seven years.

She entered the history books in February by winning gold, alongside team-mate Matt Weston, in the skeleton in her Winter Games debut in Milano Cortina.

A Strictly spokesman said: "We don't comment on speculation."

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Victorious . . . Tabby, left, with Matt, above, and in action, top

SATABBY NIGHT FEVER

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Their love story goes public

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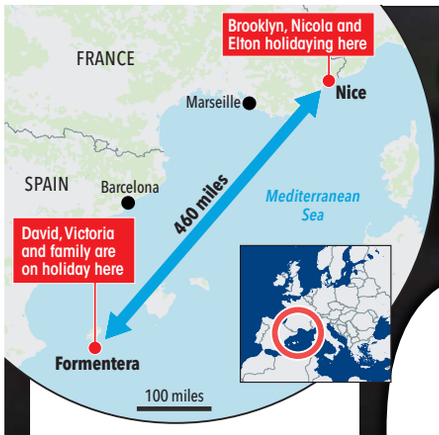
EXCLUSIVE: BECKHAMS'



Brooklyn & Nic on Elton yacht
Posh & Becks 460 miles away

OCEANS APART

By CLEMMIE MOODIE
Assistant Editor, Showbiz

THE gulf between Brooklyn Beckham and his parents appears wider than ever as they both holiday on separate yachts in the Med.

Sir David and Victoria's eldest son and his American wife Nicola Peltz were invited by veteran pop superstar Sir Elton John aboard his yacht amid the ongoing family feud.

Joined by husband David Furnish, the group are holidaying in the South of France, near Nice.

Some 460 miles away, Brooklyn's estranged parents are enjoying some much-needed down time on their own superyacht with their kids Cruz, Harper and Romeo, with his girlfriend Kim Turnbull.

The family, who have not communicated "meaningfully" with their beloved eldest son in 18 months, enjoyed a day trip to the island of Formentera, where they enjoyed a wine-fuelled BBQ.

The two contrasting yacht holidays once again demonstrate just how little hope there is for reconciliation any time soon.

A source said: "Nothing has changed. That is to say, neither party has reached out to the other.

"It's devastating and, of course, David and Victoria would love nothing more than for their eldest boy to be with them on holiday.

"Instead, Brooklyn is living it up in the South of France with Elton, who has previously tried playing peacemaker – albeit to no avail.

"Elton loves Brooklyn dearly and understands better than anyone the pressures of fame and families falling out. He was estranged from his own mum for a few years before making up with her.

"He has tried speaking to both sides, but also respects Brooklyn's wish for silence. The only thing that will heal this rift is time."

Sadly, time is proving a laborious healer, three years after rumours of tensions first surfaced. It has been very much business as usual from both camps – publicly at least.

Ex-England captain Becks, 51, has just emerged from the World Cup as the greatest winner of all, commentators have suggested, without playing a single minute on the pitch. He made an estimated £19million from endorsement deals.

In contrast, ex-Arsenal youth player Brooklyn's attempt to cash-in backfired. His money-spinning tie-in with food delivery service DoorDash poked fun at the heart-breaking family feud. He was seen sitting at home in the ad, watching football, telling the camera, "You're probably wondering why I'm watching the Fifa World Cup 2026 from home – it's a long story," before handing a stack of game tickets to a DoorDash driver.

While the tongue-in-cheek ad certainly got viral attention, it did little for Brooklyn's reputation.

Fans were quick to hit out at Britain's most famous nepo-baby, labelling him a shameless hypocrite for demanding privacy, then cashing in on his famous dad's legacy.

Last summer, The Sun revealed Brooklyn had sent his parents a cease and desist letter, instructing them to stop contacting him, or tagging him on Instagram.

But Brooklyn has been notably quieter online since the furore, posting only one main grid photo in July, where he had previously generally averaged four a month.

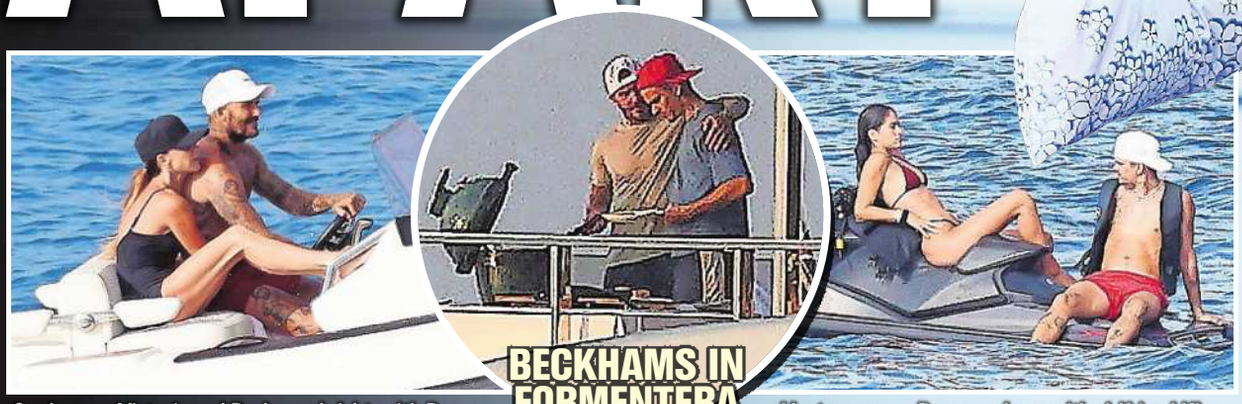
A friend tells me: "The DoorDash deal was Brooklyn trying to show his sense of humour. He was incredibly bruised by that experience. He had no idea the social media fuss his deal would cause, and might have thought twice before accepting it had he known.

"He may appear a confident young lad but, like anyone, he's only human, and has his own insecurities and anxieties."

The family row kicked off when Nicola wore a couture Valentino gown for her 2022 wedding rather than a Victoria Beckham one she had been expected to walk down the aisle in. Brooklyn went on to claim his mum "backed out at the 11th hour" on her offer to design it.

One of Brooklyn and Nicola's last sightings with his parents was in 2023 at Sir Elton's final London gig.

The 79-year-old recently made up with Madonna after a two-decade row and is relishing his role as peacemaker in his older years. Let's hope he can weave his magic on Brooklyn.



Sea legs . . . Victoria and Becks, and right, with Romeo

Heat waves . . . Romeo relaxes with girlfriend Kim

The tastiest things in

SEPARATE HOLS IN MED

Having a Nice time . . . Brooklyn and Nicola in the South of France

Elton loves Brooklyn dearly and understands the pressures
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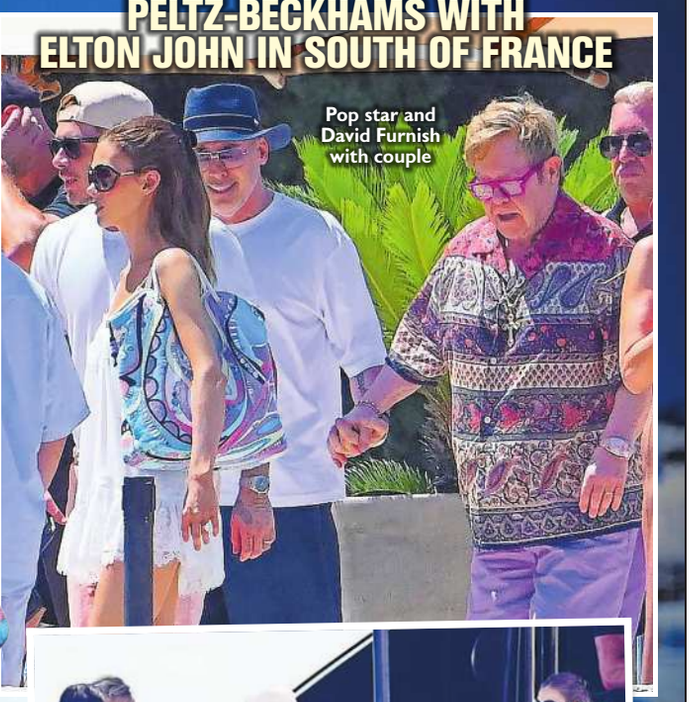
PELTZ-BECKHAMS WITH ELTON JOHN IN SOUTH OF FRANCE



Pop star and David Furnish with couple

All aboard . . . Sir Elton, Brooklyn and Nicola on superstar's yacht

Picture: BACKGRID

Dock star . . . the young couple, and singer Sir Elton with David

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EXCLUSIVE: TANTRUM AT TESCO

Scene . . the Tesco petrol station

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Cops arrive . . . Richie was nicked and charged with drink-driving

Picture: SOUTH WEST NEWS

Vaping row . . . star's bust-up with staff caught on camera

YOU'RE ENDER ARREST

Richie held after 'I don't give a f***' rant at staff

By MICHAEL HAMILTON and LULA WHITE

A FOUL-mouthed rant at petrol station staff about vaping on the forecourt has left EastEnders star Shane Richie facing court on a drink-driving charge.

Shocking video shows Richie – Alfie Moon on the BBC soap – arguing with workers who challenged him about an e-cigarette after he arrived at the Tesco garage just after 11pm.

In footage obtained by The Sun, snarling Richie, 62, can be heard on camera saying "I don't give a "f***" after being told vaping there was dangerous.

The manager called police, who arrived and arrested the actor for drink-driving. He is due in court next month.

A source said: "It's extraordinary he behaved like that – especially if he'd been drinking.

"It was stupid and he was also being quite argumentative with staff. They didn't know who he was at first. It was only after the police came that they realised."

The incident unfolded after Richie drove his white Hyundai – apparently with a flat tyre – on to the empty forecourt in Harlow, Essex on Wednesday night.

Staff quickly spotted the star – travelling alone and wearing a red baseball cap, blue sweatshirt, shorts and grey sliders – and came out to tell him he could not smoke there.

The actor replied: "It's not smoking, it's a vape." Richie, holding up the silver e-cig, then points at one male and one female member of staff and says "You, you" as he waves them away with his hand.

A worker tells him he is recording their exchange, saying: "I have to get it on video for the police. That is a vape and that's a risk in this petrol station."

The actor – real name Shane Roche – then snaps: "What, you're filming me? All right, I'm going to film you."

Walking back to his car, Richie then says: "This is not a vape."

And, after being told it is and that it poses "risk" in a petrol station, he replies: "Yeah, I don't give a f***."

He then approaches two female workers outside the garage's kiosk and says: "Can you do me a favour – tell him to go away."

But one of them tells him she is the manager – before calling police on her mobile. Richie then protests, saying: "Someone's coming to change my tyre."

On the video, the female manager can be heard telling police: "He started getting aggressive and he started vaping, so smoking an electric cigarette."

Richie, leaning on his open car door, then shouts: "Not smoking a cigarette."

Moments later, police can be seen arriving as the male worker says: "That's him, that's him."

Officers are then seen approaching him, with one policeman saying: "Hello, how you doing, OK?"

He replies "Yeah, you?" before the officer says: "These guys have said you might have been drinking and that you've driven this vehicle in here." The footage cuts away as dad-of-five Richie, who started his career as a Pontins bluecoat entertainer, walks towards the cop car.

It is not illegal to vape on a garage forecourt but companies forbid it, fearing the electronic devices can produce sparks that could ignite petrol.

A drink-driving conviction can be punished with six months in jail, but most offenders are hit with fines and driving bans of at least 12 months.

Soap star . . . as Alfie

Richie has played Alfie, known for his fiery romance with wife Kat played by Jessie Wallace, on and off on EastEnders since 2002.

The telly favourite, who came fourth on I'm a Celebrity in 2020, has also hosted shows including Lucky Number and The Shane Richie Experience, and is a regular on the panto circuit.

He recently announced new dates for his "Prat Pack" tour with TV pals Bradley Walsh, Joe Pasquale and Brian Conley.

Three years ago, he revealed he had been through therapy for his temper after growing up with an abusive father – and said he barely touches alcohol.

Essex Police said: "Officers were called to reports of a suspected drink-driver in Church Langley Way, Harlow, shortly before 11.20pm on Wednesday July 29.

"On arrival, officers arrested a man. A charge of drink-driving has subsequently been authorised against Shane Roche, 62, of Surrey. He is due to appear at Colchester magistrates' court on Wednesday September 9."

A spokesman for Richie was contacted.

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EUROPE IS FACING BIGGEST

Travel assistance . . some used rubber rings to make trip

Ride the waves . . one migrant brought bicycle with him

Sneaking in . . some of the invaders exploit a gap in fence

Looting as over 60,000 cross in a day

EU leaders blast Spain's left-wing PM

By AMIR RAZAVI, THOMAS GODFREY and MARTINA BET

LOOTING migrants raided shops, robbed women and torched cars after 60,000 of them stormed into a Spanish territory in a single day of chaos.

They swam around the border from Morocco to the North African enclave of Ceuta – with at least 57 people dying while attempting the crossing.

Thursday's invasion plunged Europe into one of its biggest migrant crises since World War Two, with Spain drafting in troops to crack down on violence.

It caused shops and banks to close – forcing many of Ceuta's 83,600 residents to flee to mainland Spain just to get cash and food.

With the Spanish Socialist PM under fire, Andy Burnham plus other European and world leaders voiced concerns over the scenes. But it was Italy who last night took action as it suspended its EU free-travel deal with Spain.

The Schengen Agreement will be paused for a month, meaning tourists arriving by air and sea will need to show their passports.

Italy's interior ministry revealed it had also agreed to strengthen controls along its border with France to stop migrants from crossing.

Italian PM Giorgia Meloni had earlier said the chaotic scenes show that "uncontrolled illegal migration poses a concrete threat to the security of Europe's borders".

The migrants arriving in Ceuta were mostly young men but there were also women and around 7,000 children and even some babies.

They began their brazen crossings on Thursday morning, spiralling the border system into collapse.

Within hours, there were reports of them breaking into homes and shops and setting vehicles alight.

In scenes which stunned world leaders, the interlopers had used rubber rings and flippers to help them on their way.

One man was even seen wading through the sea carrying a bicycle.

Some shouted "Viva Espana!" as they reached land.

A further 400 also crossed into Melilla, another Spanish territory 200 miles east of Ceuta. The two cities are the European Union's only land borders with Africa.

Most of the deaths were drownings but some died in a stampede.

It comes after a ruling earlier this month by Spain's Supreme Court which meant migrants who are stopped at sea heading to Ceuta or Melilla cannot be summarily returned to Morocco.

Yesterday, Spanish officials said 25,000 of the 60,000 migrants had voluntarily returned.

And last night the Spanish embassy in the UK claimed most had been sent back.

It posted on X: "Almost everyone who entered Ceuta yesterday has now returned to Morocco."

Ceuta, granted self-governing powers in 1995, has been under Spanish rule since 1580 and is home to around 45,000 Spaniards.

Many migrants typically reach the territory by swimming three miles from the Moroccan town of Fnideq where authorities have fired water cannons to deter people.

One local woman said she was mugged by a Moroccan man during Thursday's influx – only to be told by police they "cannot arrest him".

She said: "The vast majority are violent. I've been on the streets since 8am and I've seen six Spaniards. I'm scared."

Ceuta-based lawyer Manuel Jurado said the impact on the territory was grim. He said: "We're seeing a total abandonment of us by our government. There are people everywhere and there's violence. We need help."

One local, called Luis, told Spanish TV that shops and banks were shut. He said he had booked a one-hour ferry journey to Algeciras, in mainland Spain, to "be able to eat and buy food and access cash" as cash machines were blocked.

He said: "Fights are breaking out in the city. It's very worrying.

"I don't want to leave my house here empty even for the weekend because I'm not sure what I'll come back to." Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez was jeered when he made his arrival in Ceuta. He told a press conference: "What happened yesterday was an attack, a violation of Spain's territorial integrity.

"The government of Spain will use all the resources of the state to guarantee the safety of Ceuta."

PM Mr Burnham said Britain was "making contact" with Spain to offer help and understand the implications of the border crisis.

He admitted the scenes were "a cause for concern" but a "matter for the Spanish government first and foremost". The PM also insisted Britain's border plan was working, claiming Channel crossings were down overall while the number of migrant removals had risen. But he acknowledged "we need to do more" to tackle illegal migration.

Four migrants died in the Channel this week and the busiest day of small boat crossings so far this year saw 752 people reach Britain on Wednesday. More than 1,700 have arrived since Mr Burnham entered No10 on July 20.

Reform UK leader Nigel Farage said: "It is time to wake up. This is a battle for the future of our civilisation. I can't put it any more plainly than that."

The Tories' Shadow Home Secre-

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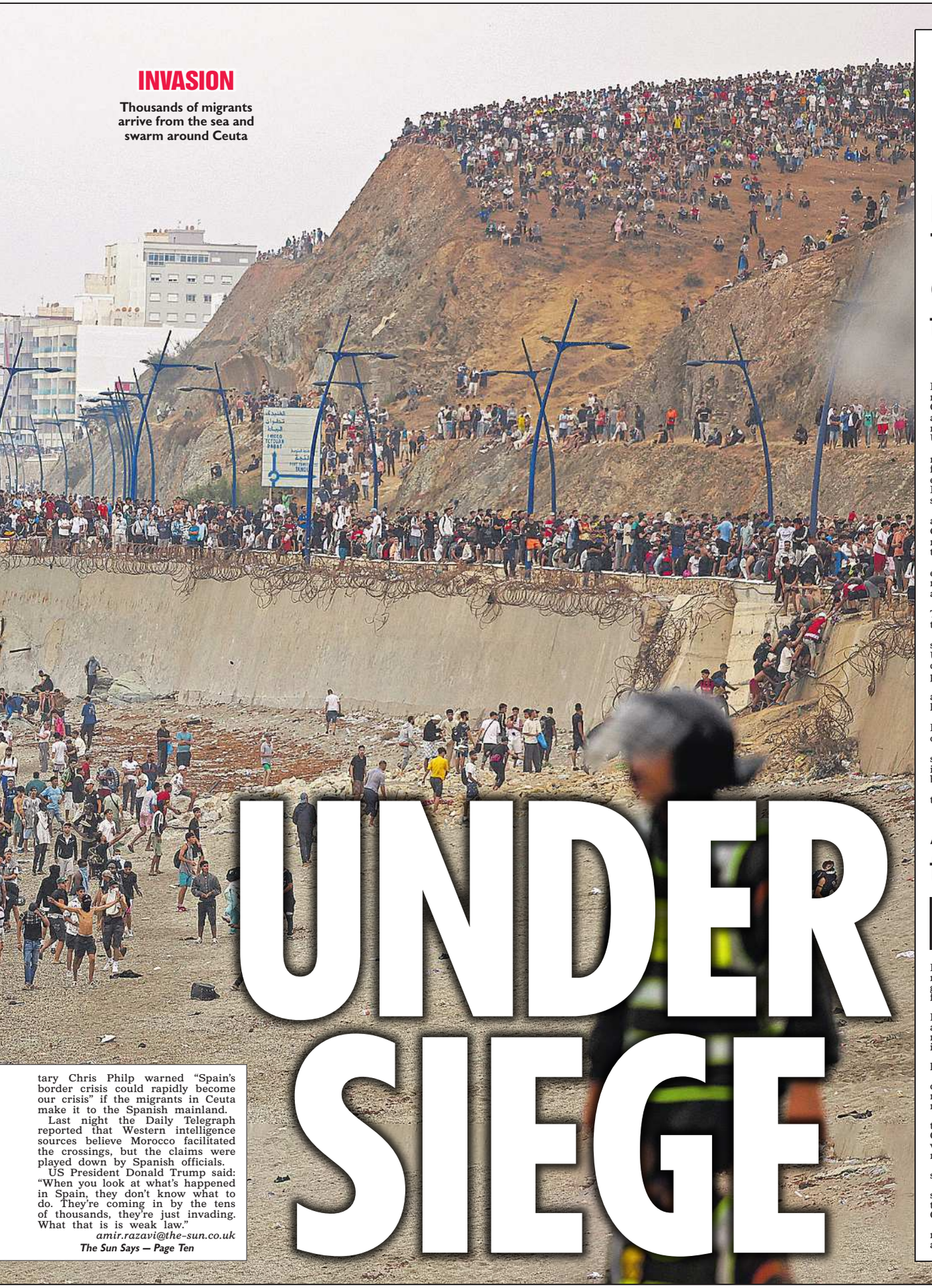
MIGRANT CRISIS SINCE WW2



INVASION

Thousands of migrants arrive from the sea and swarm around Ceuta

UNDER SIEGE

tary Chris Philp warned "Spain's border crisis could rapidly become our crisis" if the migrants in Ceuta make it to the Spanish mainland.

Last night the Daily Telegraph reported that Western intelligence sources believe Morocco facilitated the crossings, but the claims were played down by Spanish officials.

US President Donald Trump said: "When you look at what's happened in Spain, they don't know what to do. They're coming in by the tens of thousands, they're just invading. What that is is weak law."

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Flag post . . by migrant

Reform: They're on way to Britain

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY

MANY of the 60,000 migrants who stormed Ceuta will head for Britain once they are in mainland Europe, Reform UK said last night.

Madrid will have to move tens of thousands from the tiny Spanish enclave, which borders Morocco, as it is now swamped.

Officials will take them across the Strait of Gibraltar, at which point many are expected to try to head for Britain.

The Sun has uncovered examples of illegal migrants using Morocco as a launchpad.

Some have posted on TikTok to show the route they plan to take.

In one photo, a man is seen pointing to the Union Jack. The Arabic caption reads: "Search in progress."

A video post by another seemingly shows him in northern France.

On it, he writes: "The Kingdom is only a matter of time."

Reform's Robert Jenrick said: "Ceuta is our future if we don't secure our border.

"These men are on their way to Calais."

Amnesty to blame

By **ALP MEHMET** Migration Watch

IF you want to see how not to handle an immigration crisis, look no further than Spain.

Their socialist PM Pedro Sanchez offered an amnesty to undocumented migrants in April, expecting 500,000 to apply.

By June 30, 1.2million had sought to stay.

All they needed to qualify was five months' residence in Spain and no criminal convictions.

Then earlier this month the Spanish Supreme Court ruled that migrants who swim to Spanish territory cannot be deported.

This week we have seen the consequences.

Some 60,000 migrants swam from Morocco to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in North Africa.

Sanchez has put the rights of asylum seekers above those of his citizens.

Picture: ABDEL MAJID BZIOUAT / AFP / GETTY

THE Sun SAYS

Pain in Spain

THE invasion of Spain by 60,000 illegal migrants may well trigger a Europe-wide emergency.

In just one day, the Spanish government lost all control of its borders as Africans wanting a better economic life poured into the tiny enclave of Ceuta.

Ruthless human trafficking gangs have seized on a ruling by Spain's Supreme Court that migrants using the sea to reach Ceuta from Morocco cannot be returned.

That decision – coupled with a relaxing of migration laws by Spain's socialist prime minister – has effectively opened a gateway into Europe.

Italian prime minister Giorgia Meloni has suspended freedom of movement arrangements with Madrid. Other EU leaders are praying ferries linking Ceuta to the mainland will be halted.

If they aren't, Europe could be about to witness a human wave of illegal migration not matched since more than a million Syrian and other Middle Eastern migrants were waved in.

Inevitably, Britain – with its soft touch approach to asylum, free accommodation and benefits – will be a target in what represents a massive threat to security.

Spain's nightmare is a warning to our own PM that he must get a grip of the open borders rabble on Labour's backbenches who are resisting reform.

Unless Andy Burnham gets tough, he may well find himself engulfed in a migrant crisis all of his own.

Rest in BPeace

LABOUR'S Net Zero vandalism is coming home to roost.

BP's decision to shut down its North Sea operations is proof that the mad dash for decarbonisation is leading to rampant deindustrialisation.

Repeated raids under Labour and the Tories mean the effective tax rate on energy profits is now a completely unsustainable 78 per cent.

Labour's decision to ban any new drilling in the North Sea was the final nail in the coffin after 60 years of operation.

It's not just the 1,100 British workers that now face being thrown on the scrapheap. With no North Sea operations, the fear is BP might even move its headquarters out of Britain altogether.

That would imperil another 14,000 jobs and be a disaster for the economy.

BP's decision comes as Andy Burnham hints at reversing Ed Miliband's fanatical opposition to drilling.

The new PM must surely now realise that Net Zero is a monumental act of self-harm.

Go, Gianni

GIANNI Infantino's empire is crumbling all around him.

His plan to sell off the World Cup lies in tatters and his days in charge of Fifa already look numbered. Infantino should forget trying to cling on.

His greed has cost him dear. For football's sake, he should just go.

2 WEEKS IN...TORY LEADER ON NEW PM

ALL CHARM BUT FEW ANSWERS... Burnham speaking in Manchester days after he was elected as MP for Makerfield

Burnham's headlines sound good, the small print less so. It's Starmerism with a smile

WE'RE two weeks into Andy Burnham's reign, and it's all starting to feel quite familiar.

The accent's changed and he's doing more TikToks. But when you boil it all down, we've ended up with another Prime Minister who makes announcements without having a plan – a more likeable version of Keir Starmer.

I don't doubt that Burnham cares passionately about the stuff he's saying.

He's personable and eager to make people happy. After Starmer, a Prime Minister who smiles a bit more feels like a constitutional innovation.

But a smile is not an actual plan.

Even as Mayor of Manchester, Burnham has already demonstrated a habit of telling people what they want to hear in the moment.

He told voters he'd try and get Britain back into the EU. But he abandoned that pledge when people started complaining.

He told the women upset about changes to the state pension age – the WASPI women – that he'd pay them compensation. Then changed his mind when he saw the cost.

Back to the 1970s

He even promised voters that he would serve his full term as mayor. But halfway through it, he hot-footed back to Westminster to become Prime Minister. We're now seeing this same pattern with the announcements he is making from Downing Street. Feel-good giveaways sold with a smile, but no real plan behind them.

Take his energy announcement. Bringing down bills is the right thing to do. The Conservatives have said we should scrap VAT on household energy bills. The difference is that we found the money, Burnham has not.

The numbers just don't stack up. Where I've said we need to scrap green levies to bring down bills permanently, Burnham's proposal takes about £40 off your bills, and only for six months.

The headline sounds generous. The small print is rather less impressive.

Britain is now at a crossroads between the future Andy Burnham is planning, which takes Britain back to the 1970s: more mayors, more nationalisation and more government. And a future that the Conservatives are preparing for, based on an optimistic vision grounded in reality.

By KEMI BADENOCH
Conservative Party leader

I believe Britain's central problem is that our economy is not growing, and more government cannot create growth.

Only businesses can create growth. And when I say business, I do not mean only large corporations or city slickers in suits.

I mean the landlord of a pub who takes on an apprentice. I mean the person who mortgages their home to open a small company and employ their first member of staff.

I mean the farmers who put seeds in the ground and produce the food we eat.

I mean builders who take an empty site and turn it into a home or an office.

I mean manufacturers who make things, and service companies that make everybody's lives easier.

These are the people who create growth. Politicians do not.

I'm an engineer. Engineering teaches you that simply saying something out loud doesn't make it real.

You can't talk a bridge into existence. You need proper calculations, sound materials and a serious plan. Otherwise, the bridge falls down.

Politics should work in much the same way. You can't paint a pretty picture of the future, announce that the problem is solved then hope reality falls into line.

Burnham is more interested in redistributing money than in making it.

He wants to cut the existing cake into different slices, when Britain's real problem is that the cake keeps shrinking.

We need to create more wealth and earn a larger national income, not spend our time redistributing less of what little we have.

His "Number 10 North" idea is a perfect case study. Burnham wants to take some of the status attached to 10 Downing Street and relocate it to Manchester.

But redistributing the "Number 10" label does not create a job, open a factory or raise anybody's wages. It's redistributing status instead of creating value.

When Burnham discovers that redistribution alone cannot pay for everything he has promised, he will do what Labour always does. He will raise taxes.

He will say that the money will come only from "the wealthy".

But under Labour, "the wealthy" has a habit of meaning anyone who is not on benefits.

It's why I say they are no longer the Labour Party, they are the Welfare Party.

The bill always falls on people like Sun readers – striving to pay their mortgages, run their businesses and support their families.

Britain cannot afford another government that treats higher taxes as an alternative to economic growth.

What we need is an economic revolution, and I have the plans to deliver it.

Security challenges

The Conservatives will cut welfare and use the savings to cut taxes and fund defence. We'll scrap business rates for most of our high street and abolish Stamp Duty on people's homes.

We'll bring down energy bills and boost manufacturing by scrapping the carbon tax and backing new drilling in the North Sea.

I'm going to champion the small businesses, family firms, major employers and investors who take risks, create jobs, support communities and get Britain working.

Burnham's problem is that he's a people pleaser. He wants to solve the cost-of-living crisis, create a new system of social care, spend more on defence and keep every section of the Labour Party happy.

But government cannot do everything. A serious plan must say not only what ministers want to do, but what they are prepared not to do.

We need a Prime Minister who understands how wealth is created, who backs the people who build businesses and prepares the country for the technological and security challenges ahead.

That's what I am doing.

Burnham is a blast from the past, Starmerism with a smile. Britain deserves better than both.

HARRY COLE & BRIGHTY ARE AWAY

LIV RIVER SO LOVELY

OLIVIA Attwood teases a trailer of her new River Island collection.

The TV presenter, 35, posed in front of a caravan modelling a £39 white corset top as well as an £81 floral top and skirt, *inset*.

Former Love Island contestant Olivia has gone on to be one of the reality show's most successful stars. It's understood she has banked a fortune of £4million over the last nine years thanks to clever business deals, including launching her own cocktail brand, Savano, last month.

By ELLIE HENMAN

Picture: RIVER ISLAND

SENT BY HEIR MAIL

KING'S WRITE ROYAL

Man of the toil . . . Charles

EXCLUSIVE by **MATT WILKINSON,** Royal Editor

WORKAHOLIC King Charles writes up to 2,400 letters a year — around seven a day, The Sun can reveal.

Our non-stop monarch, 77, was even penning missives in the car on a Sunday morning as he was being driven to church.

As he stepped from his Lotus Eletre at St Mary the Virgin on the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk, stationery could be seen tucked into pocket in the back of the driver's seat.

The King is known to enjoy trying to reply in person to as many letters as possible sent to the royal household – a total of 101,669 in the last year.

He and Queen Camilla also send birthday cards to the thousands of Brits who turn 100 every year.

A royal source said: "He's a very thoughtful and considerate man and writes letters extensively to friends and contacts.

"He quite often writes to families impacted by major tragedies and loss of life of service personnel."

Charles, who has been diagnosed with cancer, was awarded the hardest-working royal gong last year, dethroning the previous table-topper Princess Anne, his sister.

He conducted 535 engagements in 2025, which was 21 per cent of the entire public work carried out by the whole Royal Family over the year.

In addition to letter writing, Charles has been known for working extremely long hours his whole adult life.

In his memoir, "Spare", Prince Harry said that, as boys, he and Prince William often found their dad "at his desk amid mountains of bulging post bags".

He added: "More than once, we discovered him, face on the desk, fast asleep.

"We would shake his shoulders and up he would bob, a piece of paper stuck to his forehead." Charles and Camilla are set to begin their holiday in Scotland this month.

● **THE** Prince and Princess of Wales will join sports fans at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow today. William and Kate will watch the athletics.

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Letters, pray . . . stationery visible as King leaves car at church

2,400 letters per year

"I've drunk cold beers in many exotic and beautiful locations over the years...but none of them matches the beer you treat yourself to after a hard day's harvesting"

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Angered . . . Coutinho

Puberty blocker trials on kids 'OK'

By SAM BLANCHARD

AN NHS trial of puberty-blocking drugs for teens who think they are transgender will go ahead after a High Court challenge was thrown out yesterday.

The Pathways trial will start recruiting 220 kids aged 11 to 16 from today.

Scientists at King's College London will lead the study and say it will produce the world's best evidence on the safety and effectiveness of powerful hormone drugs.

Medical regulators approved the study in June and the legal challenge by campaign groups was the final roadblock for the controversial trial.

Shadow Equalities Minister Claire Coutinho said: "This will put hundreds of children, some as young as 11, on a pathway to infertility and serious medical consequences for the rest of their lives.

"It is now up to the Government to do the right thing and stop the trial for good."

Pull-out . . . Boy George

West End retreat by pro-Israel George

By JOE MORGAN

BOY George has pulled out of a West End musical just days after releasing a pro-Israel song.

The pop star, 65, was to have played King Herod in Jesus Christ Superstar from Monday.

Last week, the Culture Club singer released a the track We Will Dance Again, backing Israel's military action in Gaza.

Pro-Palestine protesters had urged fans to cancel or change tickets to a date with another Herod.

Confirming his pull-out, his manager Paul Kemsley wrote online: "George has never been afraid to stand by his personal convictions, and I have always respected him for that. Equally, I believe it is my responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interests of my artist while also showing respect to others."

The Hobbit star Richard Armitage replaces him.

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MR & MRS HOLLAND GO GUSHY

By OLIVIA MONK

JUST a few years ago, Zendaya and her Spider-Man sweetheart Tom Holland would spin a web of intrigue around their blossoming romance.

The coy couple smiled politely when quizzed about their relationship, before deftly sidestepping the topic.

But fast-forward to this week and the stars, who are newly married, have no such hesitation about showing the world their love.

In fact, they are happy to gush over one another in public.

As Brit actor Tom, 30, chatted to reporters at the London premiere of his new movie Spider-Man: Brand New Day, a deafening roar erupted from the crowd behind him.

He paused mid-sentence, looked over his shoulder and joked: "Who's that? Who's arrived?"

Then, knowing exactly who had caused the commotion, he laughed and said with an ear-to-ear grin: "Oh, Zendaya's arrived! That's about right."

The pair star together in the latest instalment of the superhero franchise, with Zendaya playing MJ – the ex-girlfriend of Spidey's alter ego, Peter Parker, who is under a spell that has made her forget him.

Within minutes of his wife arriving at the film's premiere, Tom was affectionately referring to her as "Zee" and "my MJ".

The dramatic change in tack after almost a decade of secrecy has also seen them strolling arm-in-arm into glitzy bashes or gazing adoringly at one another while photographers shout their names.

FALLING IN LOVE . . . couple fly through the air in a scene from 2021 Spidey flick No Way Home

'They are one of those couples who everyone around them believes will go the distance. They will still be happy decades from now'

Living her best life

Meanwhile, US actress Zendaya melted hearts when she revealed working with her husband was easy because they were simply "best friends".

And the timing is hardly a coincidence. Not only are husband and wife reunited in the latest Spider-Man flick, which was released this week, but they also share the screen in Christopher Nolan's new blockbuster The Odyssey.

It gives audiences plenty of opportunities to watch Hollywood's golden couple work their magic together.

Throw in another season of Zendaya's teen drama Euphoria, which has earned her an Emmy nomination, and her return in Dune: Part Three later this year – a role pocketing her nearly £6million – and it is fair to say she is living her best life in 2026.

At just 29, she has established herself as one of Hollywood's most bankable stars, worth an extraordinary £30million and with more than 176million Instagram followers.

And Tom has stood by the former Disney star's side every step of the way, while juggling work commitments of his own.

Together, they are fast becoming the new Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie – except friends insist *this* romance is built to last.

One source who has worked with the couple told The Sun: "Tom and Zendaya are one of those couples that everyone around them believes will go the distance.

"They have such a solid foundation and they are completely devoted to each other. Nobody would be surprised if they're still just as happy decades from now.

"They genuinely bring out the best in each other.

"Their families absolutely adore them as a couple.

"Now, everyone is waiting for them to start their own family. It's only a matter of time."

Like Brad and Angelina, who met making their 2005 movie Mr & Mrs Smith, Zendaya and Tom clicked while filming blockbuster hit Spider-man: Homecoming back in 2016.

The pair – affectionately known as Tomdaya by fans – spent years laughing off romance rumours, insisting they were just "best mates".

Even when they were finally photographed kissing in a car in Los Angeles in 2021, confirming what fans had suspected all along, little changed and they continued to stay out of the spotlight.

Unlike today's social media-first showbiz couples, the pair do not share glimpses into their personal lives. Instead, they remain surprisingly private, rarely attending glitzy celeb hotspots. Since moving to London to be closer to Tom's family in 2023, Zendaya has embraced life across the Pond.

The couple settled into his £2.6million, six-bedroom Victorian house in Richmond, South West London, and are regularly spotted picking up groceries in their local Waitrose. They also enjoy wandering through Richmond Park with their dog, a miniature schnauzer called Noon.

Zendaya was even snapped browsing Portobello Road market, popping into Gail's bakery and embracing what British Vogue jokingly dubbed her "West London girl" era.

Protecting boundaries

Tom has openly admitted that protecting their boundaries became even more important after paparazzi photographs early in their relationship left him feeling exposed.

At the time, he explained: "Our love isn't my story. It's our story. And we'll talk about what it is when we're ready to talk about it together."

SET FOR ROMANCE . . . Brangelina also met making a movie but it didn't end well

BESOTTED . . . stars gaze into each other's eyes at film's UK debut this week

TOM

...a love story that's

IN PUBLIC...AND WE LOVE IT!

WEB-OVER-HEELS . . . Tom and Zendaya at Spider-Man: Brand New Day's UK premiere in London on Wednesday

PICTURE PERFECT . . . Instagram snap in 2021 taken in Tom's Spider-Man dressing room

PLAYING IT COOL . . . Tom and Zendaya at a 2016 Comic-Con event in California, trying not to look like they might be an item

I SPIDEY . . . poster for 2017's Spider-Man: Homecoming the film in which they fell for each other

SEALED WITH A KISS . . . relationship was confirmed in 2021 after stars were spotted smooching in a car in LA

DAYA

very un-Hollywood

Zendaya has always shared exactly the same philosophy, but said in the past: "We do our best not to hide ourselves from the world."

The couple even managed to pull off one of the most secretive celebrity weddings in recent memory – so discreetly, in fact, that for months fans were not sure it had happened.

It is a stark contrast to pop star Taylor Swift and her new husband Travis Kelce, who took over Madison Square Garden in New York for their very big day last month.

Tomdaya engagement rumours began when Zendaya arrived at the Golden Globes in January 2025 wearing a spectacular East West diamond ring.

But while fans waited eagerly for the stars to announce their happy news, the pair had already secretly said "I do".

In March, Zendaya's long-time stylist Law Roach shocked fans when he let slip they were hitched.

Asked about potential wedding plans at the Actor Awards, he smiled mischievously before declaring: "The wedding has already happened. You missed it."

Then, in June, Tom finally delivered the definitive answer fans had been waiting for.

In an interview, he was asked whether he had spent weeks reassuring confused family members after fake AI pictures of their nuptials went viral. "No," he smiled. "Because they were all there."

But true to form, he refused to elaborate any further, adding: "That's all you'll get on that."

Yet while the actor remained tight-lipped about the ceremony itself, he seemed happier than ever to talk about the woman he had exchanged vows with.

'Supported and safe'

Calling Zendaya "my person", he revealed that he had never been happier. The actor said: "It's really nice to have a bedrock of a relationship that will stand the test of time.

"We can support each other in ways that only we can, because only we understand what it's like to live this life. So, for me, I found my person. She's my best friend and I'm the happiest I have ever been when I'm with her. I've also never felt so supported and safe."

Tom and Zendaya look positively smitten every time they step in front of a camera together. The pair have spent the summer criss-crossing the globe promoting their movies, allowing fans to witness their chemistry spilling from the big screen on to the red carpet.

Rather than batting away questions about each other as they once did, they now happily lean into them.

Quizzed on whether she had any advice for couples working together following her wedding to Tom, Zendaya simply smiled and said: "I think when you're best friends, it's pretty easy."

And when asked to sum up her hubby away from the cameras, the American beauty revealed with a laugh: "He's a fun time.

"Very charismatic, can make anybody feel comfortable and have a good laugh and a good chat."

Tom is clearly equally besotted.

When asked about working with his wife, he said: "She is more talented than I am, and she makes everyone in the scenes way, way better."

Tom and Zendaya have finally let the walls of steel surrounding their relationship fall.

And as a string of blockbusters make 2026 a career high for Zendaya, they have cemented themselves as Hollywood's golden couple.

Finally, they seem happy for the world to see it.

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The most joyous job in the world...washed down with the best invention of all time

YOU might think that one of the (many) downsides about farming is that you can't ever book a summer holiday.

It's impossible because you don't know when the harvest will be.

This year it began in the middle of July but sometimes you don't get cracking until the end of September.

This means the farmer is forced to stay at home for the summer, looking at Instagram pictures of all his non-farming friends as they frolic on boats and in bars in the sun-drenched Mediterranean.

Sounds terrible, yes?

Well it isn't. Some jobs on the farm are unpleasant. Sexing rabbits is annoyingly difficult, and disposing of dead piglets is heartbreaking.

But I've been harvesting all week, and this job is an absolute joy.

I boing out of bed before dawn, knowing the moisture in the crops will be dead right, and then, from the tractor's lofty seat, I watch the sun rise through the dust cloud being left in the combine's wake. It's a stunning sight.

When the combine's hopper is full, I have to position my trailer under its spout, making sure that none of the grain coming out of it is spilled.

This requires the sort of concentration that would normally only be deployed by a surgeon who's been called upon to operate on his own daughter's eyes.

And then, when the trailer is full, I must race back to the farmyard to tip the grain into the shed, and use my JCB to push the 12-tonne pile up against the back wall before racing back to the field to get the next load.

Speed and power is important here, and I like that.

CHEERS . . . enjoying a well-deserved pint

At lunchtime, Lisa – guided by the plume of dust that rises over whatever field we happen to be harvesting at that moment – will arrive on the scene and drop off some sandwiches.

Good ones, made from stuff she picked that morning.

And we eat these on the move because there's no time to lose.

The moisture levels are changing by the hour and if they go above 15 per cent, you have to stop.

It's hot and it's dirty out there, and you work non-stop for 15 or 20 hours at a stretch.

But then, finally, you turn off the engines and in the golden-hour silence that results, you crack open an ice cold bottle of beer and gulp at it as the sun goes down. I've drunk beers in many exotic and beautiful locations over the years, but none of them match the beer you treat yourself to after a hard day's harvesting.

And not just because, in my case, the beer in question is a Hawkstone, made from the barley I harvested last year.

Having decided that beer is the best invention of all time, you trundle home and hit the sack.

Because you'll be up at 4am to go through the whole process again.

And you cannot wait because you absolutely love it and there's no job you'd rather do. And nowhere you'd rather be.

The only slight fly in the ointment is that thanks to the hot summer and this Government's strange hatred of farmers, you don't actually get paid for the wheat and the barley you've harvested.

In fact, I worked out this morning that it'd be cheaper to go on an expensive holiday.

STRUGGLE . . . hedgehogs

A LOAD OF HOG WASH...

A SURVEY has found that cars are responsible for 40 per cent of hedgehog deaths in this country.

Well yes, but I notice the survey was, in part, funded by something called the People's Trust For Endangered Species.

And in my experience, any organisation with the word "people's" in its title tends to be run by woolly-headed Thunbergites who see the car as being responsible for every one of the world's ills.

It's possibly true, of course, that 40 per cent of hedgehogs die after being run over.

But that leaves 60 per cent that die of what?

Is Donald Trump killing them? Or the IDF? Or the ghost of Margaret Thatcher?

Nope. A huge number are killed by badgers – but we can rely on the People's Hedgehog Party or whatever they're called to keep that quiet.

LABOUR NEVER LEARN

LAST year, Diane Abbott apologised for being antisemitic and was then ejected from the Labour Party for saying she didn't regret it at all.

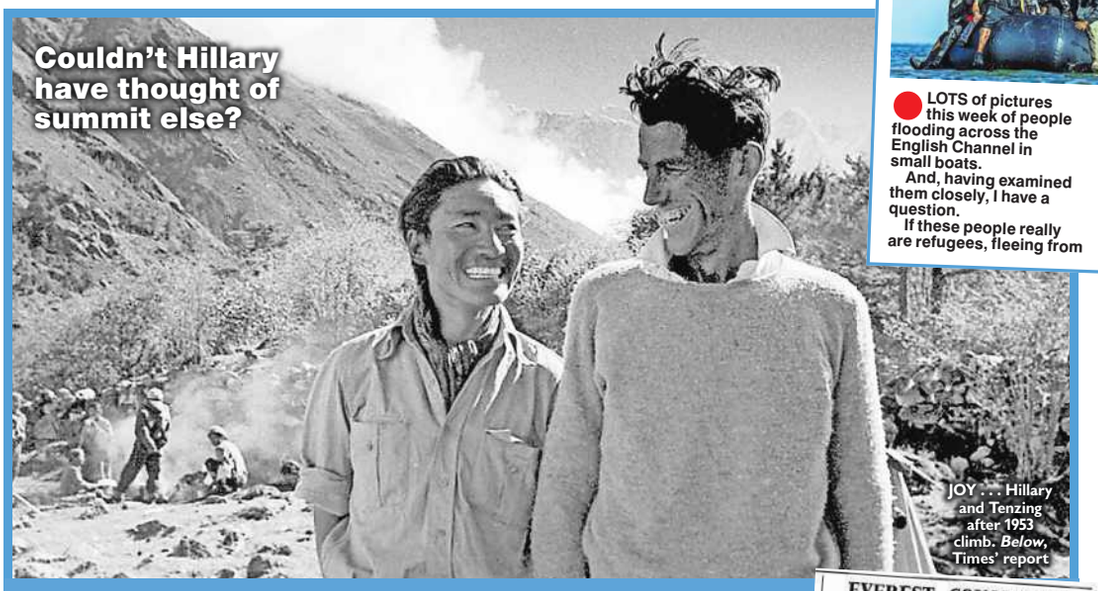
And guess what? She's back.

I guess Diane, *inset*, must have apologised for retracting her previous apology but, whatever, Labour has decided it can't manage without this intellectual powerhouse and has welcomed her back into the fold.

Of course, there will be those who say that Westminster should be full of people from all walks of life and with varying levels of intelligence.

But I disagree. I want to be governed by people who are ferociously bright – really properly clever with analytical minds and tremendous knowledge accrued from many years of reading and travel and work.

Not someone who dresses like a daytime TV host, someone who left school pregnant and with no qualifications at 16, and someone who can't add up.



Couldn't Hillary have thought of summit else?

JOY . . . Hillary and Tenzing after 1953 climb. *Below*, Times' report

I READ the other day that when explorer Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing reached the top of Mount Everest, they transmitted news of their achievement to the Times newspaper in London using the pre-arranged code, "snow conditions bad". I think this might be the worst code ever.

Because what if the snow conditions really had been bad?

The reporters at the Times would have got Hillary's message, breathed a sigh of relief that their exclusive story was safe, and then not sent help. It'd be like the captain of a submarine agreeing with his bosses before attempting to get to the bottom of the ocean's deepest trench that the code for success would be "sub filling with water".

EVEREST CONQUERED

HILLARY AND TENSING REACH THE SUMMIT

A message was received by The Times last night from the British Mount Everest Expedition, 1953, that Sir E. P. Hillary and the Sherpa Tensing Norkia reached the summit of the mountain, 29,002ft. high, on May 29. The message added that [illegible] of Everest, an extraordinary jungle of ice pinnacles and winding ice lanes that has become the staircase to the mountain's summit.

Acutely steep portions of Everest conquered by the members of the party [illegible]

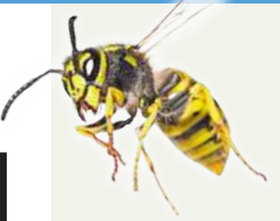
LOTS of pictures this week of people flooding across the English Channel in small boats.

And, having examined them closely, I have a question.

If these people really are refugees, fleeing from some awful atrocity in their own country, then where are the women?

Where are the children? Where are the elderly people?

Are we expected to believe that this atrocity, whatever it is, only affects young men?



BUZZKILL . . . wasps

PROF'S ADVICE STINGS

EXPERTS have announced – and I've noticed this – that we are being plagued by far fewer wasps than usual this summer.

We are told they don't like the heat, which I find unlikely because the damn things seem to manage just fine in places like Corfu.

But whatever the reason, Professor Seirian Sumner, a behavioural ecologist at University College London, recommends that when we have a picnic, we cut off a morsel of meat or fruit and push it to the side of the plate so the wasps have something to eat as well.

Hmmm. Ms Sumner may be excellent at understanding what goes on in an animal's head, but I fear she isn't quite as good at understanding humans.

Because frankly, no one is going to do that unless they are completely mad.

ZACK ON ATTACK

SO, let's see if I've got this straight. Having shared a social media post suggesting Nigel Farage should have his head cut off, the leader of the Green Party, Zack Polanski, says he won't apologise because it was a mistake.

Right. So according to this increasingly annoying idiot, if you knock an old lady over, there's no need to say sorry if it was an accident.

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SHED SPARE SHOES TO POCKET A PROFIT

Not well-heeled?

BRITISH women lead the world when it comes to shoes.

By MEL HUNTER

They typically own around 30 to 35 pairs, while the global average is about eight. Men here aren't far behind, with 18 on average.

You can only wear one pair at a time, which leaves a lot of shoes gathering dust.

Why not trade some in to pocket cash?

SHOE IN: Schuh's Sell Your Soles initiative rewards customers with a £5 voucher for every pair of old shoes they donate, regardless of where they were originally bought.

The voucher can be redeemed online or in-store against full-price items costing £25 or more.

SECOND FOOT: Dune London partners with reuse, repair and recycle organisation Reskinned to give people an opportunity to recycle their pre-loved Dune shoes.

Customers can send back their shoes, boots and sandals, and in return, they receive vouchers worth up to £20, which can be redeemed against full-price online purchases.

You can also buy shoes and other treasures online at reskinned.clothing.

SELL YOUR SOLES: Selling on sites like Vinted and eBay can net you some money for your shoes. Give them a good clean and then stuff them with newspaper or some tissue paper so they hold their shape.

Take brightly lit, natural daylight photos of the front, back, soles and size tag. Then write a detailed description including the brand, condition and any marks.

TRAINER TRADE-IN: If you've got sought-after trainers from brands such as Nike, Adidas or New Balance, consider selling them through specialist marketplaces such as Laced, where you might get more money. It accepts new and pre-loved trainers, provided they're one of the brands it lists and they meet condition standards.

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Fifa fatcat confirms World Cup sell-off is axed

Even Infantino's own execs savaged hated plan

Buddies . . . Infantino with Trump at the World Cup Final in July

Plan shows Infantino is the wrong man to lead the organisation
—PM ANDY BURNHAM YESTERDAY

Shock . . . Wednesday's Sun

GIANNI SCRAPS DEAL

Fightback . . . yesterday

By NICK PARKER and THOMAS GODFREY

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino last night announced his plan to sell off the World Cup to private investors has been scrapped.

It came amid mounting pressure on the football chief, whose right hand man quit in disgust at the proposal.

Infantino said in a statement: "Having listened carefully to all the views, it has become clear that the project has created divisions of a nature that, regardless of the level of support, are no longer in the interest of the objective set out in the first place."

The move came hours after his senior adviser, Carlos Cordeiro, resigned. The aide said the plan would be bad for the future of football.

And Fifa's own chief operating officer Kevin Lamour said: "It's not a Fifa project. It is the project of one person. Fifa's own administration was deceived."

Infantino said in his statement issued to Sky News: "Our purpose has always been – and will always be – to unite and improve. As a result, this proposal will not proceed.

"Moving forward, my intent is to bring all interested parties back together in the coming days and weeks in the spirit of shared interest in our game, and with the objective to continue growing football everywhere, and particularly in those countries that mostly need our support."

PM Andy Burnham had yesterday joined growing calls for the Fifa president to go.

Mr Burnham described Infantino's proposal to flog stakes in the World Cup to private investors as "outrageous".

He added: "The idea it could even be brought forward shows, in my view, he is the wrong man to lead the organisation."

Cordeiro said: "I cannot stand by while Fifa considers selling a stake in the World Cup.

"I had no involvement in this proposal, and I oppose it unequivocally."

Infantino's plan to enrich himself involved selling 20 per cent of World Cup rights to American investors linked to US President Donald Trump in a venture valued at £15billion.

Last night Mr Trump said he had not spoken with Infantino about the proposal.

But Cordeiro added: "Fifa already has extraordinary financial resources. Selling a permanent stake in football's most valuable asset makes little sense. Who benefits?"

It is a humiliating climbdown for Infantino. The 55 nations in Europe's governing body Uefa pledged to boycott Fifa tournaments if the plan went ahead.

Nations in North and Central America, the Caribbean and Asia also opposed the scheme.

Infantino, 56, had said his plan would still be pushed through if over half Fifa's 211 associations agreed. But at least 136 publicly rejected it.

He now lookes certain to face a leadership challenge.

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TALK HEALTH KEY

HOW children talk can indicate their risk of future mental health problems years before they develop, according to research.

Style of speech is more important than what they say in predicting difficulties, revealed a study on more than 200 kids aged from nine to 13. They found that patterns in the use of certain words are indicative of mental health issues.

Prof Ian Gotlib of Stanford Uni, California, said: "We may be able to take smartphone recordings and identify who is at risk, years before they might develop a disorder."

MARRIAGES FALL

THE proportion of people aged 18 and over in England and Wales who are either married or in a civil partnership has dropped during the past decade, figures show.

Meanwhile, the percentage for those who have done neither has climbed to more than a third in the same period. There has also been a rise of people in same-sex marriages, who account for nearly one in 100 of all married people.

This number has "grown steadily" since the introduction of same-sex marriage in 2014, the Office for National Statistics says.

Targeted . . . Steiners

Pair win £41m off eBay for stalking

By SCARLET HOWES

EBAY has been ordered to pay £41.3million to a couple sent cockroaches by its bosses in a cyber-stalking campaign.

David and Ina Steiner also received fly larvae and a bloody Halloween pig mask from executives angry at a newsletter they publish.

The aim was to silence them after top brass deemed EcommerceBytes critical of the company.

Prosecutors said the US couple's home was put under surveillance and attempts were made to fit a tracker to their car.

Seven former eBay staff, charged in 2020, had previously pleaded guilty and been jailed for up to 57 months.

As part of the settlement, agreed this week, eBay will pay £4.5million to good causes. It apologised for its "reprehensible" behaviour. Ebay had been criminally charged and agreed to pay a £2.25million fine in 2024.

Grief . . Nick and Susie

Nick: Our tragic lad visits wife in dream

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

ROCK singer Nick Cave says his tragic son still visits his wife in her "dark" dreams.

Arthur Cave died aged 15 in July 2015 after falling off a cliff in Brighton while high on LSD.

Writing on the anniversary of "the worst day of our lives", Cave, 68, said he and fashion designer wife Susie are still coming to terms with their son's death.

The Australian wrote on his The Red Hand Files blog: "She says she dreamt about Arthur.

"She tells me she dreamt she was in a dark place, perhaps a wood, calling for him. But it was too dim, and she couldn't find him.

"These feelings of loss drift through our bodies like ghosts."

Cave's eldest son, Jethro Lazenby, 31, was found dead in a motel room in Melbourne in 2022.

AS WIFE ARRESTED OVER MURDER

By NICK PARKER
Foreign Editor

A DEVOTED daughter told for the first time yesterday how she battled a cold-blooded cover-up for 25 years after her dad was murdered and dumped in a garden well.

Mary Rickard hugged her father Anthony in 2001 as he tearfully pledged to end his relationship with "manipulative and controlling" second wife Heather. But the 42-year-old vanished the following day, sparking Mary's decades-long crusade for justice.

And her quest has now ended with the discovery of his skeleton in the dank chasm – and Heather's arrest for murder.

Mary, 45, was moved to tears yesterday as she described the horrifying background to the case – including shocking claims of how Heather gloated over the well tomb.

The "wicked" stepmother – now 56 – is said to have even joked with stunned neighbours and relatives about the alleged crime.

After around 15 locals were interviewed by French gendarmes, witnesses claimed Heather sneered of her regret about not removing her husband's valuable gold teeth before dumping him in the well.

She was also said to have organised a sick ritual on Anthony's birthday every year, asking her unwitting young son Cameron – Mary's half-brother – to urinate in the well.

Mary, from Gunnislake, Cornwall, told The Sun: "She actually boasted about killing him and said he'd deserved it because he was violent and alcoholic.

"She claimed she killed him in self-defence when he came at her with a gun in a drunken rage.

"But my dad hadn't touched a drink for years and it was all a lie.

'She screamed and pushed me away'

"He was just an ordinary, loving dad who wanted to get out of their toxic relationship.

"The last time I saw him, he told me he wanted to come back to England with me and we hugged.

"He was going to tell Heather he was leaving – but that was the last time I ever saw him."

Mary went on to reveal the mental torment she endured as she learned more shocking stories which unfolded as she turned detective to unravel the mystery of her father's disappearance.

Her half-brother Cameron – who carried on living with Heather while his dad's body lay nearby – was unwittingly made to desecrate the secret well tomb.

Mary said: "One of the worst things I was told was that Cameron was made to wee in the well every year on his dad's birthday.

"He was only a boy and had no idea why, but his mother thought it was funny.

"Cameron was only a boy of around ten when my dad was murdered but has said she even got him to help throw rocks in the well when she was covering up the body.

"He had no idea that he was helping to bury his own father. It's beyond belief."

Factory cleaner Anthony vanished a year after moving to rural Brittany to start a new life with second wife Heather after his first partner Lynn died of cancer at 36.

But Mary – one of three children from his first marriage – never believed her stepmother's claims that he had walked out on his family.

She reached out to locals on Facebook who told her of Heather's sick boasts – then finally persuaded French police to probe the mystery.

Search teams found the skeleton under layers of concrete and rubble at the bottom of the well in the garden of Anthony's former home in Meneac, near Ploermel, Brittany. DNA tests proved it was the missing Brit – who appeared to have been killed by a gunshot to the head which left a hole in his skull.

Locals – including family members – told how Heather boasted of turning a shotgun on her husband after he allegedly threatened her with it during a violent drunken row.

Mary, a pet shop assistant, said her stepmother claimed her dad had left home in the middle of the night and disappeared without packing his bag or taking any belongings.

She claimed she had filed a missing persons report on the father-of-five – who had suffered a breakdown after the death of his first wife – claiming he was mentally unstable.

But Mary grew suspicious and reported the case to police in the UK – who discovered that the French authorities had not been told Anthony was missing. Mary, who was 20 and staying with a boyfriend the night her dad disappeared, said: "Soon after my dad went missing I confronted Heather because I didn't believe her story.

"She said he just walked out in the middle of the night without taking any belongings.

"I knew my dad would never do anything like that and demanded the truth but Heather attacked me on the doorstep and I hit her back.

"She screamed at me and pushed me away by the well in the garden which had become my dad's grave.

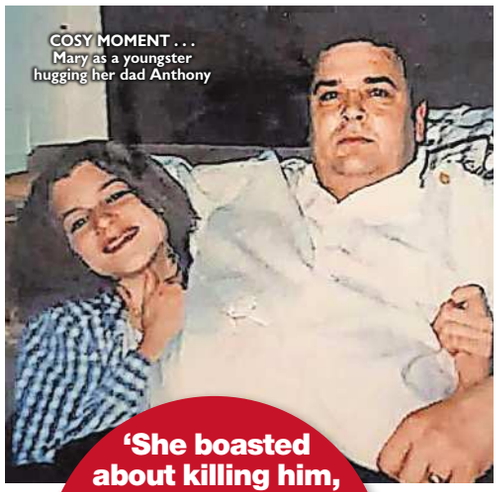
"It's a traditional stone well only about 30 feet from the door of the house and it's horrible to think he was down there for all those years before I solved the mystery."

Mary's breakthrough came after she issued Facebook appeals on a group used by Meneac locals last October. Witnesses contacted her to recount alleged boasts about her dad's grisly gun death and interment in the well.

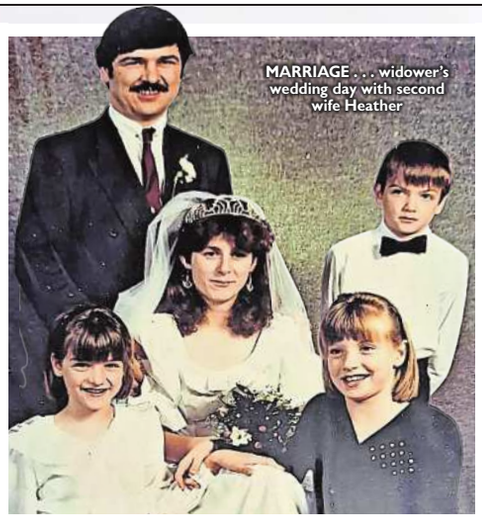
Stepmum Heather had two children with Anthony – Cameron, now 35, and Sophie, 30 – who played a pivotal role in the discovery of the body. They were quizzed by police after Cameron allegedly said that his mother told him she had shot his father dead during a blazing row.

Cameron was alleged to have told how Heather had confided in him when he was 12 that she had "killed his father in self-defence because he was alcoholic and violent."

Statements given by neighbours spurred Mary to write to the public prosecutor in nearby Vannes last November, asking for a new investigation into her father's disappearance. A judicial inquiry was opened last December and detectives from the



COSY MOMENT . . . Mary as a youngster hugging her dad Anthony



MARRIAGE . . . widower's wedding day with second wife Heather

'She boasted about killing him, saying he'd come at her with a gun in a drunken rage. But dad hadn't touched a drink in years. I want her locked up for life'

CRUSADE . . . Mary Rickard got French police to open a new investigation into her father's sudden disappearance

FRENCH CONNECTION . . . home Anthony shared with Heather in Brittany

Stepmum the well ...he had

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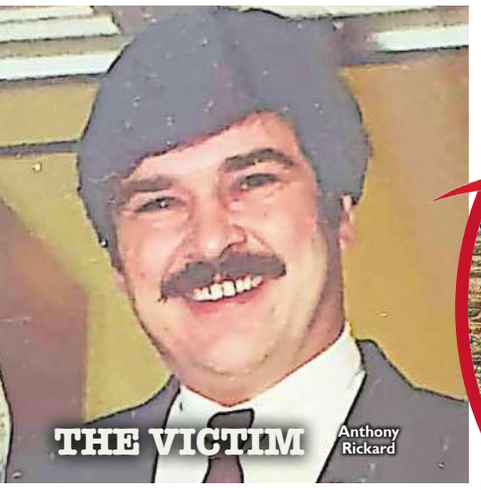


made my brother wee down each year on Dad's birthday no idea the body was there

MARY RICKARD, who has been fighting for justice for 25 years

Ploermel branch of France's National Gendarmerie were drafted in to investigate.

Their probe led them to the well – close to the family home still occupied by Heather – where the skeleton was found 50 feet down under dumped rocks and concrete.

'I want my stepmother locked up for life'

DNA testing against a sample provided by Mary confirmed a parent-child relationship to the human remains in May, and also matched a titanium surgical plate fitted to her father's leg.

Mary said: "For years I had hoped against hope that somehow he was alive and that we'd meet again but that ended when I got a text message from the French police. My dad was a wonderful man and my best friend and I still can't believe I'll never see him again.

"I knew it was his body the moment police told me they found the skeleton in the well and felt I finally had some kind of closure when the DNA tests confirmed it.

"It's taken me 25 years to find out the truth about what happened to him and now I want justice.

"I want my stepmother locked up for life."

Witnesses who gave statements to French police included Heather's son-in-law Ben Holmes, who lived in the house next to the well with her daughter Sophie for nine years.

Yorkshire-born factory line manager Mr Holmes, 36, who is now divorcing Sophie and seeking joint custody of their two children aged six and nine, said: "I told the police everything. I lived with Sophie and Heather for years and the fact that Anthony was in the well was a kind of open secret. Heather herself told me she shot him.

"She said he was a violent person and came at her with a .22 rifle which she managed to turn on him and fire. I found it hard to believe because he was a big bloke – about 17st – and she's a slightly built woman.

"Heather made no secret of the fact that Anthony was in the well and Sophie also knew about it. They even made sick jokes about regrets about not taking his gold teeth and the titanium plate in his leg before he was put down there.

"I never told the police until I split with Sophie because she's very calculating and told me I'd never see my kids again if their secret got out. But once we broke up and started divorce proceedings I went to the police and discovered I was one of around 15 local people all telling the same story."

Mary wrote on Facebook following her stepmother's arrest: "Justice will be served!!!

"I will remain and always will be my father's daughter who has now lost their dad, their best friend – and that can never change."

In another message shared around Father's Day, she wrote: "Another Father's Day, dad! But this time we solved the case!"

Prosecutors confirmed murder suspect Heather – who now uses her maiden name Comins and is originally from Hayle, Cornwall – had been remanded in custody.

The Rennes Court of Appeal upheld her continued detention last week and she is due to face trial later this year. Ploermel gendarmerie confirmed that the remains were recovered and said the investigation was continuing.

Heather's elderly father Ron – aged in his 80s – is also understood to have been quizzed by police amid uncorroborated allegations made by witnesses that he helped to dispose of Anthony's body in 2001.

But French police said no charges had been brought against him.

Mary, a mum of three, added: "All I want now is to finally bring my dad home and give him the proper, decent burial he deserves in Cornwall.

"I've been told it will cost around £14,000 but I'll find the money and make sure it happens."

Additional reporting: BETHAN MOSS

8M HOMES FACE TELLY SWITCH OFF

LABOUR'S plan to switch off Freeview television could hit more than eight million households.

Regulator Ofcom's annual media report found 28 per cent of homes do not have a TV connected to the internet.

Ministers are looking at 2034 and 2044 as potential dates to only broadcast telly over the internet.

Older generations are overwhelmingly reliant on Freeview.

By TOM SCOTSON

Dennis Reed, of campaign group Silver Voices, said: "Ministers learned with winter fuel what happens when older people are taken for granted.

"Free TV through an aerial must be guaranteed until 2044." MPs across the political divide have thrown their weight behind The Sun's Save Our Sets campaign to protect Freeview TV.

Labour MP Sarah Champion said: "Free TV is still relied on by over eight million homes.

"It is important we get this transition right and extend free terrestrial television to 2044."

The Government is consulting on the plans.

A spokesman said: "Any future transition would only proceed once we are confident the right safeguards, infrastructure and support are in place."

GOOD FOR YOU FOODS

Picky bits

THESE popular finger foods often contain pulses, tomatoes and veggies, which all contribute to your daily quota.

Carrot sticks, peppers, falafel, hummus, guacamole dip, bean salads and sweetcorn easily provide two or three portions of your five a day.

Around 80g of most veg or pulses counts as one portion, as does three heaped tablespoons of hummus.

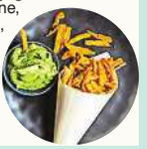
These provide fibre, vitamins and minerals, so are very nutritional.

Fries

FRIES made from regular white potatoes won't make the grade, as they're starchy carbs – but some spuds do.

Around 80g of sweet potato is one portion of your daily target, and you can enjoy them baked, as wedges, or cut into chips. They are a very good source of beta-carotene, which boosts vision, skin and immunity.

Topping a baked sweet potato with baked beans, sweetcorn or salsa adds another portion.



Spaghetti hoops

TINNED pasta shapes contribute thanks to being smothered in tomato sauce. To hit targets, eat at least half of a 400g can.

Other coated canned produce such as baked beans, tinned tomatoes and tomato-based pasta sauces also count.

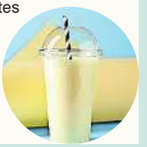
Pureed, dried, tinned or fresh, all tomatoes are rich in antioxidant lycopene, which is best absorbed when it is cooked. Bolognese, stews and soups containing these all tally up, too.

Banana milkshake

SLURPING a milkshake adds another tick, provided it's made with real fruit rather than flavourings.

Around 80g of fresh or frozen fruit blended into a drink counts towards your quota. Banana and strawberries add fibre, vitamins and antioxidants, while milk contributes protein and calcium.

But remember, a smoothie, shake or juice only counts as one of your five a day, even if it contains several varieties of fruit.



Surprise! Pie's one of your five

GETTING your five a day is easier than you may think now it's been revealed that dips, chips and even pies can count.

The British Heart Foundation says picnic faves, including pickled onions and falafel, may be included in its recommended fruit and veg quota, which is said to help lower the risk of heart disease, stroke and some cancers. Canned and frozen items count too, but there are plenty of other surprising bites that can help you hit your target.

Here dietitian Nichola Ludlam-Raine tells LAURA STOTT other unexpected five-a-day choices.

See nicsnutrition.com.

Burger

ANY burger, sandwich or wrap containing salad counts, so the lettuce and tomato in a BLT, chicken burger or lunchtime sub all contribute towards your five a day.

Around 80g equals a portion, so adding extra leaves, onions, sliced tomatoes, cucumber or peppers can help you get there faster.

A dollop of salsa works too.

This is a reminder of how small healthy additions throughout the day all add up.

Apple pie

FAVOURITES such as a berry-laden summer pudding, apple crumble or fruit pie count towards your five a day, provided there's enough fruit.

Frozen or fresh, berries and apples are packed with vitamin C, fibre and beneficial plant compounds called polyphenols.

While sometimes very high in added sugar, fruity puddings can still be a useful way to include more of the ingredient in your diet.

Chocolate raisins

RAISINS count as dried fruit even when coated in chocolate so you can put them towards your total.

They're high in natural sugars, so are best enjoyed with a meal rather than as a snack. The chocolate adds sugar and calories, but the fruit retains its fibre and nutrients.

Sultanas, dates and figs count, too. Remember that 30g of dried fruit counts as one portion, so try not to exceed this amount.

Pizza

DEEP or thin crust, the cheesy, doughy slices do the job.

A tomato-sauce base contributes, while toppings such as peppers, mushrooms, onions, or sweetcorn increase your numbers. The more veg toppings you add, the better. Pair your pizza with a salad to boost your intake. Finish with ice cream topped with berries.

Adding fruit and veg to all meals and snacks means you can easily hit the target.

Camera . . . ANPR

Car reg cams zap 1,200 per second

By THOMAS GODFREY

NEARLY 1,200 motorists a second are snapped by the network of police road cameras – a record figure that has trebled in the past ten years.

The crime-busting Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system takes images of vehicles and their drivers at the rate of more than 100million per day.

Pictures are fed into a supercomputer that can track vehicle movements and link it to the registered owner.

The total of 36.7billion snaps in the year to March 2026 is revealed in the latest figures from the Home Office.

Thousands of cameras are positioned on motorways and A and B roads.

Cops say ANPR is vital in preventing and solving serious crime and terror attacks, and can also catch car tax cheats and uninsured drivers. But civil liberty campaigners warn it is intrusive.

Hearing . . . court

Fugitive gun killer in UK for 27 years

EXCLUSIVE
by JOHN LUCAS

A FUGITIVE accused of murder before fleeing to Britain and posing as a refugee has been arrested after 27 years on the run.

Sabri Sopoti, 60, faces extradition to serve a 24-year jail sentence for shooting a man dead with a machine gun in Albania in 1999.

Prosecutors allege Sopoti got asylum here by pretending to be Kosovo war refugee Zenel Bytyqi.

At Westminster magistrates' court, he was remanded in custody before a full extradition hearing in December.

Prosecutors say someone rang him in 1999 and told him to "sort out that garbage playing with you and your family".

Sopoti took a Scorpion sub-machine gun and pistol to kill the man in a café. He vanished and was convicted in his absence.

Sopoti was caught in an operation involving Interpol Manchester.

Picture: CLICK NEWS

THE IRONS LADY

By FREYA FRASER

IT'S back to school for actress Ellie Bamber filming footie flick Halftime Hero.

Ellie, 29, was seen on the East London set wearing a leather jacket over her uniform as she talked to co-star Anson Boon, *right*, who plays West Ham fan Steve Davies.

The film tells the true story of when the Irons' assistant manager Harry Redknapp brought boozed-up fan Steve on to the pitch for a 1994 friendly. Steve helped West Ham to beat Oxford City 4-0, and Harry became boss the following week.

Harry will be played by Eddie Marsan.

Ellie's role in the film comes after she played Kate Moss in Moss & Freud.

Ell of a fan . . . with Boon, who plays Irons supporter Steve

EXCLUSIVE

CARR'S SMASH

Alan's Masked Singer role completes his TV takeover

By ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

COMEDIAN Alan Carr has bagged his tenth TV show — ITV's The Masked Singer.

It continues the funnyman's domination of both terrestrial telly channels and the streaming giants.

Alan's career has boomed after winning The Celebrity Traitors eight months ago.

His drama, Changing Ends, has already had three series on ITV.

Over on the BBC, he has Picture Slam, Interior Design Masters and the Greek Job, with Amanda Holden, while on Channel 4 there is Secret Genius.

On Prime Video he competed on Last One Laughing and will be in The F**k It List. For Disney+ he has upcoming show Castle Man, which sees him buy a £3.25million Scottish country pile.

Plus he has a secret project lined up with Netflix with his pal Amanda.

A TV insider said: "Triumphing on The Celebrity Traitors changed everything for Alan. That saw him bombarded with offers from the big streamers. But traditional TV channels are keen not to lose him completely. They're also offering him deals too."

His Masked Singer role sees him as a "guesser" going up against current panellists Davina McCall, Mo Gilligan, Jonathan Ross and Maya Jama.

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Paedo's 22yrs jail

A PAEDOPHILE who arranged the livestream abuse of a girl of nine in the Philippines has been jailed for 22 years.

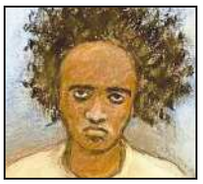
Paul Hopkins, 50, "directed" her mother to perform sexual acts with the seemingly drugged girl. An undercover cop snared Hopkins, who commissioned and paid £30 a time for the abuse.

Hopkins, of Romsey, Hants, admitted 25 child sex offences at Bournemouth crown court.

CHANGE OF TUNA

Warmer waters are drawing bluefin tuna to UK waters with Brixham Fish Market, Devon, seeing record sales, it says.

SOUTHPORT FIEND ON JAIL ATTACK CHARGES



New allegations . . . killer

SOUTHPORT killer Axel Rudakubana has been charged with a string of assaults on jail staff.

The triple child murderer, 19, is accused of four offences including attempted GBH while at HMP Belmarsh.

The Sun revealed in May last year he allegedly threw boiling water from a kettle at an officer. He is also accused of two assaults on emergency workers and being in possession of an offensive weapon – believed to be a makeshift knife – between May and October of 2025.

By MICHAEL HAMILTON

A source said: "He was accused of threatening to attack staff numerous times and saying things like, 'I'm going to stab you up when you open my door'. And he was a known 'spitter' which is classed as an assault in jail – that was one of the things he did.

"But Rudakubana is serving a 52-year sentence and is never coming out so a short sentence for attacking a guard won't have a huge impact on him."

The fiend was charged days after he was revealed to have been moved to Broadmoor secure psychiatric hospital. He was jailed for life for murdering Bebe King, six, Elsie Dot Stancombe, seven, and Alice da Silva Aguiar, nine, at a Southport dance class in 2024.

The Met Police said: "A man has been charged with multiple assaults on prison staff at HMP Belmarsh." He will appear via videolink before Westminster magistrates on September 11.

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Grower . . . Ian and pal

Inner city estate's bananas

By ED SOUTHGATE

BANANAS and grapes are being grown on a council estate after residents converted a previously unused green space into a mini-oasis.

Volunteers have also planted 150 trees, 120 bushes and 50,000 bulbs in the inner city plot.

And the garden is thriving, locals have found, because it sits on top of a deep deposit of peat.

It is in the Rockingham Estate between Southwark and Elephant and Castle, South London.

Volunteer Ian Zanardelli, 45, said: "When we started it was inert.

"Now we have all new green spaces, butterflies, birds. It's like an aviary.

"People are now walking through a wildlife park as opposed to a council estate."

Ian said the gardeners hope to one day make wine from the grape vines, but of 40 planted last year only ten survive.

Met 'texts wipe' OK

THE Metropolitan Police's policy on officers' use of WhatsApp's disappearing messages is lawful, a High Court judge has ruled.

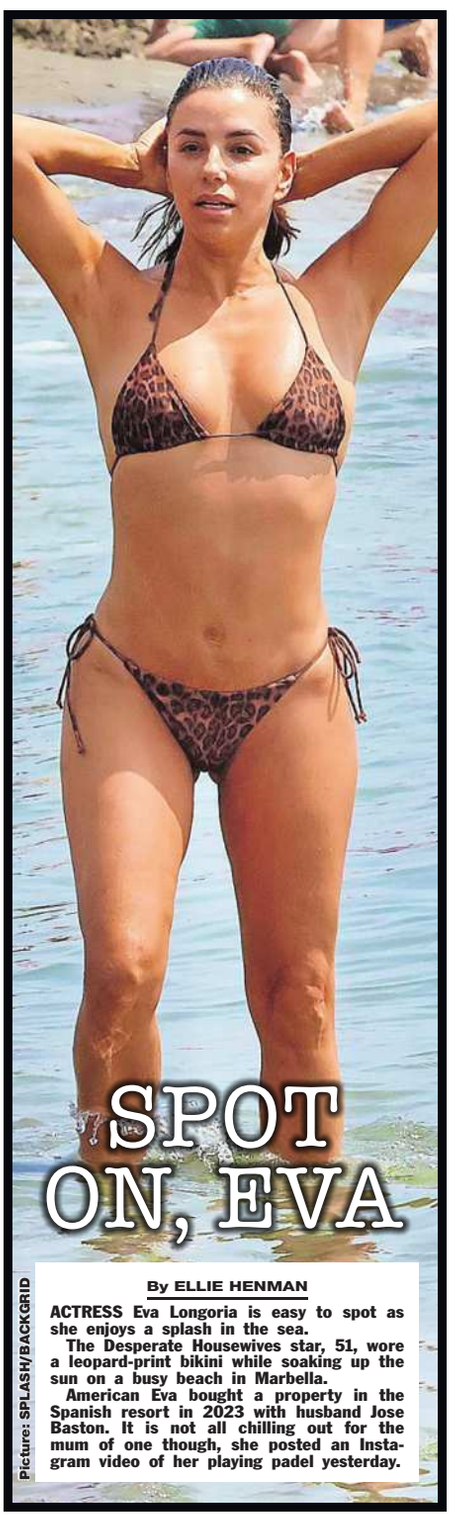
A man known as BB, arrested in 2024 on suspicion of controlling behaviour, claimed it "authorises and approves unlawful conduct" and could affect his right to a fair trial.

Cops are told to delete messages after 90 days but any evidential material should be retained.

Mr Justice McKendrick dismissed the challenge, saying that the guidance "does not involve a misstatement of the law".

DRAGON'S DENTAL

Fossil-hunter Matthew Myerscough found a 200-million-year-old jawbone of a "sea dragon" at Lavernock Point, Glamorgan.



SPOT ON, EVA

By ELLIE HENMAN

ACTRESS Eva Longoria is easy to spot as she enjoys a splash in the sea.

The Desperate Housewives star, 51, wore a leopard-print bikini while soaking up the sun on a busy beach in Marbella.

American Eva bought a property in the Spanish resort in 2023 with husband Jose Baston. It is not all chilling out for the mum of one though, she posted an Instagram video of her playing padel yesterday.

Picture: SPLASH/BACKGRID

Caged . . . Wilson

Ex-wife of acid kill victim gets 9yrs

By MIKE SULLIVAN

THE ex-wife of a drug dealer killed in a horrific acid attack has been jailed for nine years.

Paris Wilson, 35, helped orchestrate the murder of her ex, Danny Cahalane, by passing information on his movements to a "drugs boss", jurors heard.

Cahalane, 38, was attacked at his home in February last year by two men who threw sulphuric acid in his face.

He died in hospital ten weeks later.

Before his death he told police the drugs boss was Dubai-based Ryan Kennedy, who had ordered the attack in Plymouth.

At Winchester crown court, Ms Wilson, of Plymouth, was convicted of manslaughter and attempted kidnapping.

Abdulrasheed Adedoja, 23, of Neasden, North London, and Israel Augustus, 27, of Tottenham, North London, were found guilty of murder and jailed for life.

Gas canisters . . Davies

Jailed for blowing up house over will

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A MAN who blew up his childhood home after wrongly believing he had been cut out of his inheritance has been jailed.

Darren Davies, 55, put three gas cylinders in the £260,000 bungalow before pouring petrol around and setting it on fire.

He was in the property when it exploded but escaped with minor injuries. Davies told a PC who arrived at the scene in March this year, "I was trying to kill myself."

Davies was paranoid his family wanted to take the house in Hambleton, near Blackpool, off him after it was left to him and his brother by their parents who died in 2024.

Craig Davies told Preston crown court: "Darren developed the bizarre idea there was a secret will signed by my dad leaving the house to myself."

Davies, who pleaded guilty to arson in May, was jailed for four years and four months.

FLAMES RAVAGE SUFFOLK

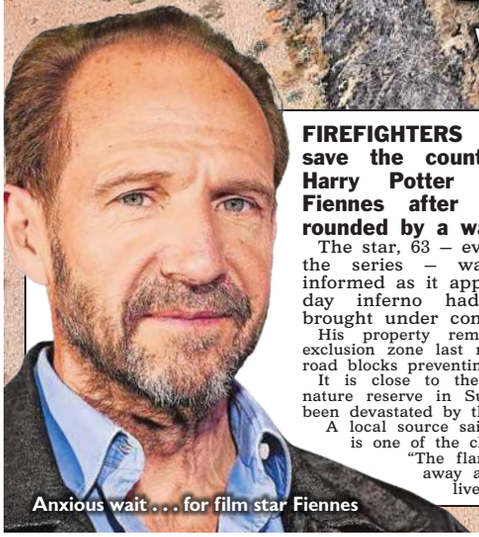
Evacuated . . . holiday homes nearby stand empty

Sizewell B . . . close to threatened homes and heath

Close . . . charred scrub only yards from other homes

Wall of fire surrounds Ralph home

VOLDEMORT STAR'S BLAZE HELL



Anxious wait . . . for film star Fiennes

FIREFIGHTERS battled to save the country home of Harry Potter actor Ralph Fiennes after it was surrounded by a wall of flame.

EXCLUSIVE by PAUL SIMS and ELLIE HEMAN, Bizarre Editor

The star, 63 – evil Voldemort in the series – was being kept informed as it appeared the two-day inferno had finally been brought under control.

His property remained inside an exclusion zone last night, with police road blocks preventing access.

It is close to the Dunwich Heath nature reserve in Suffolk, which has been devastated by the wildfire.

A local source said: "Ralph's house is one of the closest to the fire. "The flames were a field away at one point. He's lived here for years and we see him out jogging from time to time." Fiennes was born in Ipswich, Suffolk's county town, and has kept close ties to the area.

The source said: "We don't know if he was at the house on Wednesday as he has a place in London, but it must have been an anxious time for him."

A holiday camp and dozens of homes were evacuated during the blaze, which began at RSPB Minsmere at 5.30pm on Wednesday.

Firefighters battled to slow down the pace of the blaze, which came within three miles of Sizewell B nuclear power station. A National Trust helicopter dumped seawater on the flames.

Henry Griffin, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's Deputy Chief Fire Officer, said yesterday: "There was significant progress overnight. The lower temperatures and lower wind speeds all helped." He said crews were monitoring fire fronts for signs of re-ignition, but the situation was stabilising.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust described the fire as "heartbreaking". The National Trust said the damage would have a lasting impact on Dunwich Heath.

One expert said it could take the habitat 25 years to recover.

The blaze broke out after temperatures hit 35.2C on Wednesday – the seventh day of 2026 to record a high of 35C or more. Before this year, the record was five days in 1976 and 2020.

The National Fire Chiefs Council said the wildfire risk "remains elevated across the UK".

● **THREE** boys aged 12, 13 and 14 were arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life after a fire in a wood at Etchinghill, Staffs. The blaze was brought under control.

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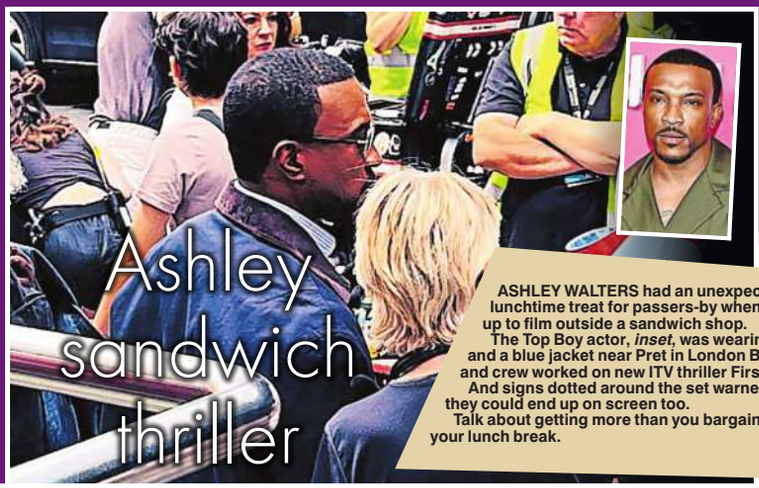

Ashley sandwich thriller

ASHLEY WALTERS had an unexpected lunchtime treat for passers-by when he popped up to film outside a sandwich shop.

The Top Boy actor, *inset*, was wearing glasses and a blue jacket near Pret in London Bridge as he and crew worked on new ITV thriller First Women.

And signs dotted around the set warned crowds they could end up on screen too.

Talk about getting more than you bargained for on your lunch break.

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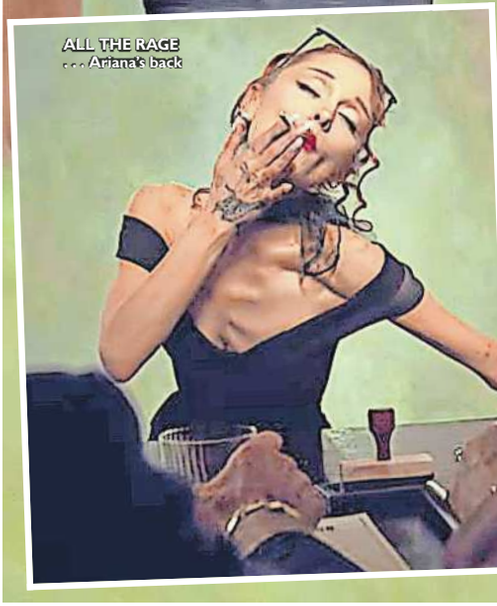

ALL THE RAGE . . . Ariana's back

SINGLES

1. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
2. Dai Dai – **SHAKIRA & BURNA BOY**
3. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
4. Stupid Song – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
5. Talk To You – **ANOTR ft. 54 ULTRA**
6. Free Your Mind – **PROSPA & CLOONEE**
7. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
8. The Cure – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
9. Hate That I Made You Love Me – **ARIANA GRANDE**
10. Man I Need – **OLIVIA DEAN**

the charts

ULTRA NATE scores a first Top Ten single in 28 years with Movin' To The Sun.

Meanwhile, CHARLI XCX lands her fourth UK No1 album – and second of the year – with Music, Fashion, Film, ahead of new records from SHANIA TWAIN and THE STROKES.

ALBUMS

1. Music, Fashion, Film – **CHARLI XCX**
2. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
3. You Seem Pretty Sad For A Girl So In Love – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
4. Eyes Open – **SNOW PATROL**
5. The Art Of Loving – **OLIVIA DEAN**
6. Visitor – **SIENNA SPIRO**
7. Little Miss Twain – **SHANIA TWAIN**
8. Reality Awaits – **THE STROKES**
9. 50 Years: Don't Stop – **FLEETWOOD MAC**
10. The Highlights – **THE WEEKND**

THE reformed **MISTEEQ** were all smiles during their first interview since we told of in-fighting among **ALESHA DIXON**, **SU-ELISE NASH** and **SABRINA WASHINGTON**.

On Radio 1Xtra yesterday, Su-Elise said: "I'm so happy to be here."

Alesha added: "It's been really lovely, like a full-circle moment."

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BUSY PARENTS . . . Suki and Robert

ROB'S ROLE AS DADDY PATTMAN

ROBERT PATTINSON's two-year-old daughter calls him Daddy Batman as she sees him in character so much.

The Caped Crusader actor's wife SUKI WATERHOUSE explained as her other half shoots the latest film: "She's on FaceTime to her dad, who today is covered in blood, with huge black circles around his eyes.

"She really doesn't actually seem to notice. She calls him Daddy Batman now because he's always dressed up like that for the next seven months.

"That's a strange character to have as your parent, I know. But it's fine, right?" On being a working parent, the actress and singer told the And The Writer Is podcast: "As the human I am, I have to work and I have to make music.

"I know she's going to be proud of me and be like, 'My mum's f***ing cool'.

"And she's got a whole album of photos of her on two tours."

RECORD BREAKERS . . . Olivia and Sam

SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN's Rein Me In has become the longest-running UK No1 single of all time.

The collaboration, which started as a solo track on Sam's 2025 album People Watching, has lodged a 19th week at the top.

They faced a fierce battle with SHAKIRA's World Cup anthem Dai Dai, which was in the lead earlier in the week.

But they overtook her on Thursday after Sam encouraged fans on social media to download the tune.

The achievement means the British pair have overtaken FRANKIE LAINE's 1953 song I Believe, which spent 18 weeks at No1.

Rein Me In is the second best-selling song of 2026 so far, behind Olivia's Man I Need. The pair released their duet last June and first topped the charts in February.

It was knocked off the top three times but always returned to No1 to continue its non-consecutive streak.

BRYAN ADAMS holds the record for the most consecutive weeks at No1 with 16 for 1991's (Everything I Do) I Do It For You.

WET WET WET were previously the UK act with the most weeks at No1 for a single, with 1994's Love Is All Around.

ARIANA SLATES ETHAN

Lashes out on X-rated new album

ARIANA GRANDE uses her new album to launch a blistering attack on ex ETHAN SLATER – and other men who have failed to hit the mark.

On her eighth record Petal, out yesterday, Ari appears to flick between unleashing her ire on men who have come and gone from her life, before boasting about her ability to perform in bed.

On Oh Well she sings: "Good luck on your way to hell. Good luck, darling. Can't stop growing away from you.

"There is nothing left to do. Good luck, darling, I'll meet my own needs. Though you've been trying to. Let's see who I can be without you."

The pint-sized pop star hinted previously about using the album to fight back.

She said: "It is something that is full of life, and growing through the cracks of something cold and hard and challenging. I wrote from a place I don't usually, which is unfiltered rage.

"I'm usually too shy to tap into that, and I think this time I didn't filter as much as I usually do."

Ariana's last album, Eternal Sunshine, was born out of heartbreak and written as her marriage to American estate agent Dalton Gomez broke down.

But the brilliantly blunt title track of the new album shows Ariana doesn't want to be seen as a walkover, with her singing: "All my favourite stories end in some catastrophe, but I don't need someone to save me.

"'Cause this music and I will never die.

"A couple of million for my thoughts? I've got plenty.

"I'm not a victim, bitch, I'm practically drowning in my blessings. It's bye, this time for real. Tired of painting endless pictures of a life that isn't mine. Trying different boys on for size. If this is my curse, I'll let it ride."

Ariana is back on the road for the first time in eight years, with her Eternal Sunshine tour reaching the UK for ten nights at London's O2 Arena kicking off this month. And it's her fans who give her the fuel to keep going, with Ari adding: "Long as she gets the ovation each night, heartbreak won't bite.

"Tell me who's to blame, is it the people or myself? But this time feels so different, this is not a cry for help."

Following the split from Wicked co-star Ethan in June after three years, Ariana has headed back to familiar ground and is dating her ex, dancer **RICKY ALVAREZ**.

Fans think she has used album track Bad Thing (Bunny Hop) to heap praise on him.

On the song, Ari purrs: "You've really been such a good boy.

"Through all of this noise, the frequency's changing. 'Cause it's too late to turn back now. You know you make a real good boyfriend. In my dreams, and in real life."

True to form, there's also a nod to her X-rated antics, last heard on No1 album Positions from 2020.

Also on the record, which dropped on National Orgasm Day, Ariana sings during Big Feelings: "The grass is way greener since I been beneath ya."

Just in case the listener hasn't got the message, she adds bluntly on Like I Do: "No one f***s you like I do."

We'll take your word for it, Ari.

SPLIT . . . Ethan and Ariana

Charlize's Od look

BROODING CHARLIZE THERON looks epic in this over-the-top outfit for The Odyssey premiere in China.

She turned heads in a show-stopping plunging black gown with a sculpted silver-trimmed skirt and black stiletto heels.

The South African actress joined co-stars including MATT DAMON on the red carpet in Beijing.

Charlize, who plays mythical nymph Calypso in CHRISTOPHER NOLAN's epic, later changed into a dazzling gold tasselled dress for her final look of the evening.

The film is getting five-star reviews all over the shop, and I'd give the same to Charlize's frocks.

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Concert . . . Bruno

Gig-goer in attack on Mars with pint

By WILL BARKER

A FAN was spotted hurling a pint at Bruno Mars as the pop superstar performed on stage at Wembley Stadium.

Security rushed to drag the culprit to the floor before hauling him away.

The American singer-songwriter was bringing his six-night sold-out stint to a close when the beer was hurled.

While the entire stadium was singing along with him, one fan rushed to the barriers in front of the stage to launch the entire pint at him.

Witness Connie Shears said: "I couldn't believe it when someone threw something at Bruno. Security dealt with them within seconds. Bruno did not react and showed such professionalism and carried on with his show."

Connie, 38, added: "Please let Bruno Mars know I'm single!"

Footage of the incident has racked up more than 136,000 views.

Trial . . . Yung Filly

Rapper Filly gets cleared of rape

By AMIR RAZAVI

RAPPER Yung Filly has been cleared of raping a woman in Australia but found guilty of assault over bites to her neck and breast.

The British YouTuber, 30, had been accused of attacking her in a hotel room in Perth while on tour in September 2024.

They met at a nightclub and she at first agreed to sex, the court heard.

Filly – real name Andres Felipe Valencia Barrientos – was cleared of three charges of rape.

Verdicts on three other rape allegations were not reached by jurors. Prosecutors will now decide whether to seek retrial on those charges or not.

During his trial at the District Court of Western Australia he admitted giving the 20-year-old woman "love bites".

Filly, who has hosted BBC shows including Hot Property, was bailed to August 21 for a sentencing date to be set.

20YRS JAIL FOR MONSTER FUNERAL PARLOURS BOSS

35 BODIES LEFT TO ROT INCLUDING 4 STILLBORN KIDS

CONMAN RAKED IN £3.5M & TOOK LAVISH HOLIDAYS

Call to action . . . families of dead at court

Disgraced . . Bush ran con for 11 years

Heartless, wicked, selfish

A FUNERAL director who failed to bury the dead was branded "heartless, wicked and selfish" by his victims' families yesterday after he was jailed for 20 years.

By PAUL SIMS and GRACE MACASKILL

Greedy Robert Bush, 48, stockpiled bodies, including those of four unborn babies, and gave grief-stricken relatives the ashes of strangers.

Bush, who ran Legacy Independent Funeral Directors, *right*, in Hull, sold non-existent funeral packages, reused "scratched and dented" coffins and trousered mourners' charity donations, a court was told.

While the bodies rotted, he took lavish holidays, enjoyed fine dining, bought high-end jewellery and indulged his love of motorsports.

Last night, the families of those he conned called for urgent regulation of the funeral industry – and a public inquiry into the scandal.

Karen Dry, speaking on behalf of some of the families, said: "Finally, Mr Bush has been sent to prison. No matter how many years, it will never be long enough. We all deserve dignity in death. This was totally denied to our loved ones."

She said Bush had acted with "complete impunity", adding: "His acts were deliberate. The breach of trust is obvious and gross and tainted the memory of every person. It underscores a funeral industry that is in desperate need of strict regulation."

Phil Groizland, 65, said police found the body of his mum Carol, 83, at the funeral parlour six weeks after she died. He said: "When I found out, it made the hairs stand up on the back of my neck." Wife Jackie, 65, branded Bush a "selfish monster."

Joanne Moody, 48, whose dad Peter was found three months after his funeral, said: "Bush should've got 20 years for every body found at Legacy, if not more. He is a sick and twisted man."

Bush raked in more than £3.5million over his 11-year con, which targeted duped families "on an almost industrial scale". His crimes emerged in March 2024 when, while on holiday in Arizona, US, he asked another undertaker to move a body for him. When police were alerted, they found 35 bodies in various states of decomposition at the funeral home.

He admitted 67 charges including 30 counts of preventing a lawful and decent burial, 30 counts of fraud by false representation, fraudulent trading and theft.

Jailing Bush, Mr Justice Hilliard KC said at Hull crown court: "The defendant was so preoccupied with his own enrichment that he behaved in a shocking and disgraceful way to the deceased entrusted to his care.

"His behaviour to their living relatives was characterised by dishonesty, deception and heartlessness."

He said no sentence could "put right the harm the defendant has done . . . the pain that is still being suffered cannot be remedied."

Det Supt Alan Curtis said: "He exploited people during some of the most difficult times in their lives . . . at a time they needed him most."

In a joint statement, Hull City Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council said: "We believe reform is urgently needed to give clearer local controls and to provide greater assurance to bereaved families that their loved ones will be cared for properly and with dignity."

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Stress . . . in holidays

Summer breaking point for parents

By SARAH ROBERTS

TODAY is when parents are most likely to reach summer holiday breaking point, a survey suggests.

Many are beginning to run out of activity ideas and are struggling with the pressure of keeping kids occupied during the long school break.

Juggling work, childcare, rising costs and constant demands for entertainment quickly ramps up the stress.

Mums and dads typically reach their limit around the end of week two – and more than one in five admit they are already counting the days until school starts again.

But a third enjoy having more time with their children, according to the poll of 2,000 parents for NEC Birmingham's Save Our Summer initiative to support families.

The venue's Helen Marriott said: "Pressure to fill every day can quickly become exhausting."

Ban . . . Essex force

Gin-swig 110mph crash PC struck off

By JOHN LUCAS

A DRINK-drive cop who crashed a squad car while three times the limit would have been sacked if he had not already quit, a misconduct panel has ruled.

Former Essex PC Adam Gardiner was seen swigging gin from a bottle during a 110mph chase before smashing into a barrier near Taunton, Somerset, last November.

He was suspended by his force and later admitted dangerous driving, drink-driving and failing to stop for police.

Gardiner was given a suspended ten-month jail term and a three-year drive ban at Exeter crown court.

The misconduct hearing has barred Gardiner from rejoining policing.

Essex Chief Constable Ben-Julian Harrington called his actions "serious, deliberate and dangerous" and said for a serving cop to drink-drive was "inexcusable".

AFTER BBC BREKKIE STAR QUITS,

The Munch bunch who could replace Naga

CONTROVERSY . . . we told how Naga, pictured with BBC Breakfast co-host Charlie Stayt, was investigated over bullying allegations, but the probe has now been closed

MOVING ON . . . Naga is leaving her BBC Breakfast TV role to host Radio 5 Live's breakfast show

By GRANT TUCKER
Entertainment Editor

AS NAGA MUNCHETTY prepares to say goodbye to BBC Breakfast after 17 years, there is a buzz among her colleagues.

Not just due to Corporation staffers finding her a divisive figure, but because many of her ambitious co-workers are keen to nab her highly paid job.

Within hours of the announcement that Naga, 51, was moving to the Beeb's Radio 5 Live to front its Breakfast programme in the new year, I'm told her associates' "sharp elbows" came out.

And who can blame them?

More than a million viewers tune in to watch BBC Breakfast every day, bringing instant fame to whoever succeeds Naga. The pay is not to be sniffed at either. All four of its current presenters appeared on this year's BBC rich list.

Outgoing Naga is on £360,000, while Sally Nugent earns £200,000, Jon Kay is on £225,000 and Charlie Stayt pockets £190,000 annually.

But before any contenders can get their hands on the lucrative Breakfast gig, they must impress BBC bosses, including the fearsome Breakfast editor Richard Frediani and the Corporation's director of live and daily news, John McAndrew.

I'm told they are not rushing to make a decision.

Naga will continue to host Breakfast from Thursday to Saturday, until December, before joining the BBC 5 Live Breakfast show five days a week in January.

A BBC insider said of the search for her replacement: "They want to take their time and get this right.

"It's the jewel in the crown of BBC News.

'Watch this space'

"It's an arduous job – the early-morning starts, the scrutiny of millions watching and waiting for you to trip up. They will need to be on their A-game as they interrogate top politicians and celebrities day in, day out.

"Whoever gets the job will have to be a tough cookie."

Naga has told how her alarm goes off at 3.45am, before she is whisked to MediaCity in Salford, Gtr Manchester, from where the three-hour Breakfast show is broadcast. It is perhaps no surprise, then, that among the names doing the rounds in MediaCity are veterans of the early-morning start.

One such rumoured contender is former BBC Breakfast host Steph McGovern, 44, who defected to Channel 4 and launched Steph's Packed Lunch in 2020.

Before then, she was a BBC Breakfast stalwart, winning over audiences with her cheery Teesside accent and expertise as the main business presenter.

I'm told Steph's Beeb departure left many colleagues "gutted" and she still has her cheerleaders at Broadcasting House. A BBC insider said: "Everyone loved working with Steph and would be delighted to see her back.

"But as she is so popular with viewers and colleagues, it would certainly put the cat among the pigeons with the current line-up."

Referring to Sally Nugent, 54, who presents the show from Monday to Wednesday alongside Jon Kay, the source added: "It would undoubtedly put Sally's nose out of joint. She thinks she is the queen bee of breakfast, which wouldn't be the case if Steph returned."

Another contender could be Tina Daheley. The 45-year-old stepped down as a BBC radio newsreader in June after an 18-year run on BBC breakfast shows hosted by the likes of Chris Moyles, Nick Grimshaw, Scott Mills and Zoe Ball.

But she did not leave the Corporation and is instead the cover presenter for Jeremy Vine on Radio 2.

Of her departure from the long-term role, she said: "You'll see me on BBC One after the summer. Watch this space." It certainly set tongues wagging about whether that move might be as more than a newsreader.

Could she mean the top job on Breakfast?

"Tina has certainly got the credentials and is no stranger to the early starts," says a source. "She's got stacks of TV experience with news and hosting Points Of View."

But there are concerns in some quarters. Tina, who earns £300,000 a year at the Corporation, read the news on DJ Scott Mills's show from January 2025 until his abrupt sacking in March amid claims of serious historic sexual offences against a boy under 16. The case against Mills was later closed.

Tina often referred to the radio presenter as her "work husband". The BBC insider said: "She's done nothing wrong, but a lot of people will remember them as a bit of a double act. She's tainted by proximity, sadly."

RIVALS VYING FOR HER SPOT ON SOFA

'It's an arduous job – early-morning starts, the scrutiny of millions watching and waiting for you to trip up. Whoever gets the job will have to be a tough cookie'
– BBC INSIDER

Another name being touted is Newsnight host Victoria Derbyshire, 57. The Bafta winner was subject to a bullying investigation last year after the BBC received three complaints about her while she worked on the current affairs show.

She strenuously denied the allegations, which were not upheld by the investigation.

It is reminiscent of Naga's own issues at BBC Breakfast.

She was placed under review last August amid allegations of bullying, crude sexual remarks and even claims she reprimanded an intern for incorrectly spreading Marmite on her toast.

The Beeb probe has now been quietly closed.

A source said: "Given the complaints at Newsnight, Victoria might fancy jumping ship. But given what happened to Naga, it could be the frying pan into the fire."

Another surprise name being whispered at BBC HQ is Helen Skelton. The former Blue Peter host, 43, has impressed TV bosses since she began co-hosting Morning Live in 2023.

The BBC's answer to This Morning, it has trounced its rival in the ratings war, regularly bringing in nearly two million viewers, to This Morning's 500,000, with Helen's charismatic style being credited for much of its success.

The 2022 Strictly Come Dancing finalist would certainly mark a change of tone for BBC Breakfast, which some viewers deem "boring" compared to its ITV rival Good Morning Britain.

The BBC source said: "Helen has that showbiz sparkle which could help with ratings, but certain people will be quick to accuse her of not being a proper news person. What they forget is she started out in a radio newsroom and went on to present Newsround. I wouldn't rule her out."

The mum-of-three's BBC earnings are unknown because Morning Live is produced via the Corporation's commercial arm, BBC Studios, which exempts them from publication. But it is thought she might be beyond the Beeb's budget in tricky financial times.

The Corporation has cut 550 jobs in news and other TV and radio content in a plan to save £500million over the next two years.

They have also axed big shows such as Blankety Blank, Celebrity Mastermind and Live At The Apollo to bring down budgets. The source said: "One of the big issues with Naga's replacement is money.

"They've already been forced to axe Breakfast on Sundays to save money. So bosses are acutely aware that, in times of significant cuts, they can't be seen to be splashing the cash too much.

"Top brass could force them to do it on the cheap and make them stretch their existing roster of presenters."

That is why Luxmy Gopal, 34, and Sarah Campbell's names are also in the frame. Luxmy is a regular stand-in on BBC Breakfast, while Sarah has appeared on the show since 2003.

Neither's salary is known as they fall below the £178,000 figure, after which they become public.

Another rumoured hopeful who would provide an ironic twist in the tale is Rachel Burden, 51 – Naga's predecessor on Radio 5 Live Breakfast. The star, who earns £215,000 at the BBC, hosted Breakfast on Sundays until it was axed.

One other name in the mix is Reeta Chakrabarti, 61, but sources say she enjoys her current role as a leading BBC news presenter and is unlikely to throw her hat in the ring.

It all comes amid a battle to stop ITV's Good Morning Britain – fronted by Susanna Reid and co-hosts including Ed Balls, Richard Madeley and Robert Rinder – overtaking BBC Breakfast.

The shiny ITV competitor draws in 700,000 viewers compared to BBC Breakfast's one million.

"But if they get this presenter wrong," my source warns, "their nightmares could become a reality."

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COOL FOR CAT

By JACK HARDWICK

THIS Morning's Cat Deeley looks purr-fectly chilled as she enjoys another scorcher in a bikini.

The ITV presenter, 49, treated fans to this snap of her sipping an ice-cold drink in her back garden.

It comes after she shared footage of herself mowing the lawn in her bikini, *right*.

Cat is said to be dating Amazon MGM exec Charlie Coleman a year after her split from Patrick Kielty.

Swing & buy sale

A HOME used as a swingers' club is on the market for £1.1million.

The three-bedroom cottage has bars, a hot tub, a sauna and dungeons.

The club – Chunky Muffins – has a licence which allows lap dancing and live sex shows.

Neil Wright, 61, who owns the cottage in Frampton, Lincs, with his wife, said: "The property could stay as a swingers' club, be turned into an Airbnb or even a spa."

HIDE AND STREAK

A model village has axed a tiny female footie streaker after many years due to a complaint in Godshill, Isle of Wight.

'HOPE FOR GAZA'

HAMAS 'TO GIVE UP GUNS'

Trump's 'peace deal' claim

DONALD Trump was piling pressure on Israel to back a historic Gaza peace deal last night after Hamas agreed to disarm for the first time.

The US President claimed negotiators had sealed a deal for the "complete disarmament" of the terror group, which slaughtered 1,200 people in the October 7 attacks on the Jewish state.

Announcing the agreement, Mr Trump said it was "a critical step towards Gaza finally being governed by a new Palestinian government".

But Hamas said its weapons would be initially stored rather than destroyed – and that no arms would be handed over until Israeli forces leave the 25-mile strip. And Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu was facing the wrath of ally Mr Trump after Jerusalem sources said Hamas's pledge was not enough to trigger a troop pull-out.

A senior US official called on Israel to sign up to the deal yesterday, declaring: "We're not asking Israel to do anything that isn't in the 20-point plan that they agreed to initially.

"So we're very confident they will adhere to it. If they don't, President Trump would be very, very disappointed."

Hamas negotiator Ghazi Hamad claimed the group had made "concessions for the sake of our people in the Gaza Strip, to save them from killing and displacement".

But he stressed: "Hamas will not take any steps toward disarmament before Israeli forces withdraw from the Gaza Strip."

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

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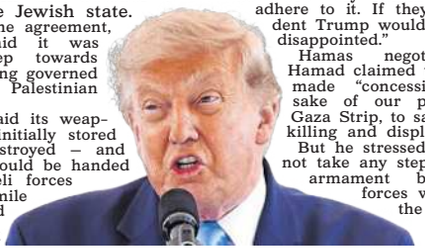

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THE SEASON'S MOST EYE-CATCHING STRIPS

Spider-Man City and kit fit for King

WITH the footie season kicking off this month, many of the top sides' new football shirts have been released.

While some score highly, other wackier designs might need a VAR check . . . especially with fans facing a bill of up to £90 to buy their official replica shirt.

From Elvis-inspired tops to cult film nods and animated associations, our fashion team ABBY McHALE and EMILY REGAN offer their pick of the latest strips – from the stylish to those that maybe should have been sent for an early bath.

Newcastle United home

NEWCASTLE are no stranger to a winning formula with their kit, sticking with the club's famous black and white stripes since 1894.

This season however The Magpies have made a subtle tweak, with a barcode-like design that bears a striking resemblance to something you might find at the supermarket checkout.

We're not sure this shirt will register with the fans, though rivals have already been known to refer to them as the Barcodes.

Man City keeper

THIS is the new goalies' shirt for City, and it looks like they're hoping it gives their keepers superpowers.

The orangey red geometric print resembles Spider-Man's famous suit, with his super–human speed and agility – exactly what you need between the sticks in a tricky moment.

Ipswich Town away

THE Ipswich 26/27 away shirt feels like a blast from the past.

The Tractor Boys have leaned into a nostalgic beige with horizontal retro lines. Sometimes less is more, but in this case it feels like less is . . . well, less.

And with Ed Sheeran as a sleeve sponsor, it looks like they've hit the rewind button.

Stoke City away

WHILE the sentiment behind long-term Championship side Stoke's away kit is appreciated (it pays homage to the Spitfire and is said to embody innovation, resilience and a proud connection to British history), we just can't help but think with its camouflage design the players could have trouble finding each other on the pitch.

The Potters' fans who part with their hard-earned cash to buy this top may think they're channelling Action Man but, to be honest, it's giving out more of a fancy dress vibe.

Brentford away

ALTHOUGH the words suave and sophisticated are not often levelled at the West Londoners, their away kit this season attempts just that.

Created in collaboration with Brentford shareholder Sir Matthew Vaughn – the director of the Kingsman films – the pinstripe shirt look is meant to be a homage to the craftsmanship and heritage of Savile Row. Hopefully this will help The Bees to sew up another season in the top flight as they attempt to do the business on the pitch.

Bournemouth home

DESPITE Bournemouth sticking with their trademark red and black stripes for the home shirt, the stripes are thicker than usual.

This tweaked design gives an uncanny resemblance to Dennis The Menace's famous jumper.

While the team get ready to sink their Gnashers into the new season, it is going to be hard to shake the Beano comparison.

Sunderland away

THIS season, the Black Cats are taking inspiration from their long-time association with Elvis Presley.

Since the Seventies, fans have belted out his hit Can't Help Falling In Love as their match anthem. And now the club have collaborated with the Elvis Presley estate.

The team's new matchday shirt for fans honours The King thanks to a black and pink colour combo and diamond design, with Can't Help Falling In Love stitched on the back. It's a fitting tribute to Elvis, but looks more suitable for Graceland than the Stadium Of Light.

Hull City home

AFTER being promoted from the Championship, Hull City are entering the big league after nine years away – and they look ready to roar.

There really is no getting away from the orange and black colour palette associated with the club – and the tiger on their crest.

But it does mean the players and fans look like a sea of cereal character Tony the Tigers.

Let's hope the Hull squad play grrrreat this season in this bold look, because if they don't they will get a Frostie reception.

On trek . . . David

Walker's 10 miles speared by pole

By WILL MILLER

A MAN trekked ten miles with a hiking pole speared through his body after an accident while climbing a mountain.

David Cifaldi, 32, fell on to the stick, which pierced his side and came out through his back.

It narrowly missed several vital organs.

Instead of calling for rescue, the A&E nurse spent hours walking back down the peak after assessing the issue was not yet life-threatening.

He said: "I was pretty convinced I was going to get off that mountain under my own power."

David was then taken to hospital where surgeons removed the pole.

He said: "I feel lucky. A couple of inches the other way and this would be a different story."

David was on 12,800ft Granite Peak in Montana, US, with pals. On the descent, the friends joked he looked like a kebab.

Fragments . . . species

Return of the dodo with £4k bone set

By JOHN LUCAS

TWO rare dodo foot bones could fetch up to £4,000 at auction.

The flightless birds, native to Mauritius, were driven to extinction just 80 years after sailors landed there in 1598.

The bones, which both measure about 1.5in, were found by schoolteacher George Clark in a swamp on the island in 1885.

He hired locals to wade through the swamp and feel for specimens with their feet – and they retrieved hundreds.

Before then, only small skeletal fragments of the dodo were known.

The foot bones, in the collection of dodo expert Errol Fuller, are being auctioned at Sworders of Stansted Mountfitchet in Essex on August 18.

Sworders said: "Dodos have an enduring appeal.

"The story demonstrates one of the first occasions humans realised man's actions alone caused a species to die out."

BRAVO TO M&S

Store ditches tape measure ban during bra fits

MARKS & Spencer has reversed its decision to ditch tape measures for bra fittings after customers complained.

Shoppers and staff are said to have moaned measurements by eye take too long and are not as accurate.

M&S, which has done in-store bra fits since the 1940s, will now keep tape measures on standby if customers request them.

EXCLUSIVE by EMILY-JANE HEAP

One M&S worker called it a "victory for common sense". She said: "Fittings take much longer without a tape measure and staff were already under pressure, especially at busy times.

"Customers prefer us using a tape measure too, as you get a more accurate fitting than by eye." M&S does more than a million bra fits a year.

It adopted no-touch measuring in May after JK Rowling urged women to boycott M&S when a customer complained a transgender worker offered to help her 14-year-old daughter with lingerie.

Fitters were told to estimate cup and band size and offer customers a range of bras to try on. The retail giant said the decision had brought it into line with other bra firms such as Rigby & Peller and Bravissimo.

M&S said last night: "As the UK's lingerie market leader, we continuously improve our service. We have an expert team of trained bra fitters, and they can use a tape measure if they or the customer prefers this.

"We have recently communicated this to our colleagues to make this clearer."

Hands-on . . . fitting

£167k for Poké box

A SEALED box of Pokémon cards has sold for £167,356 – even though no one knows exactly which ones are inside.

The Skyridge Booster Box, which contains 36 packs of nine cards, was on sale in 2003 for £67.

The lot, "with slight wear but wrapping intact" was tipped to sell for £100,000 at Heritage Auctions in Dallas, Texas.

The firm called it "the final Pokémon set printed by Wizards of the Coast and one of the rarest".

ECONOMIC BOUNCE

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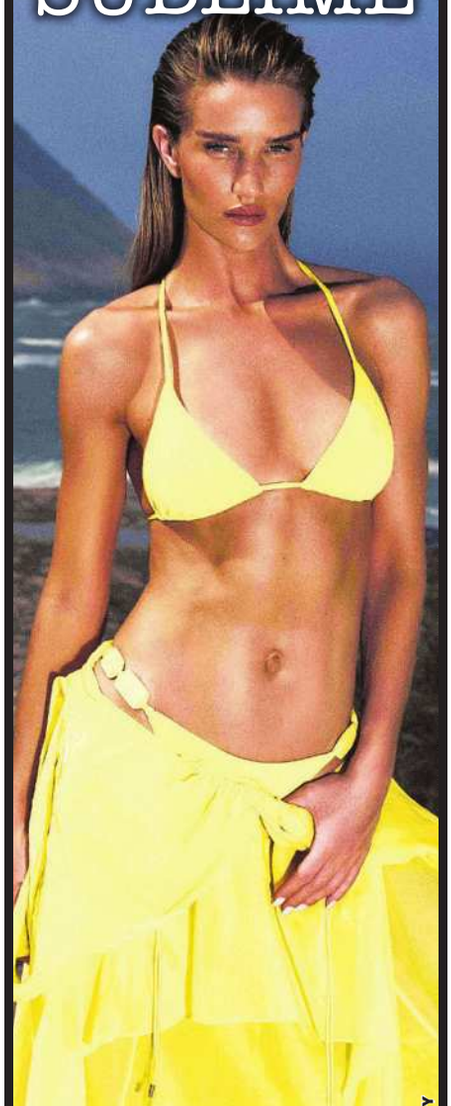

Picture: VIX PAUL HERMANNY

By JACK HARDWICK

SUPERMODEL Rosie Huntington-Whiteley proves there is nothing yellow-bellied about her during her latest fashion shoot.

The Brit, 39, wore a lemon bikini and skirt to show her toned tummy as she posed for ViX Paula Hermanny in Brazil.

She helped design their collection, with "pieces that feel effortless, sensual and timeless, wherever you are in the world".

Lyrics . . . Simpson

Stalker's love tune blitz to ex

By SARAH RIDLEY

A MUSICIAN who bombarded his ex-girlfriend with love songs and poems has been handed a restraining order.

Guitarist Ivan Simpson, 39, penned lyrics after he was dumped by Lisa Gallagher, telling her: "I can't live without you."

She went to police after receiving the recordings and thousands of messages over a 15-month period.

Some suggested he would harm himself if she did not contact him.

They split after five years following a miscarriage, the court heard.

Simpson, of Widnes, Cheshire, pleaded guilty to a stalking charge.

At Sefton magistrates' court, District Judge James Clarke said: "Miss Gallagher made it clear she didn't want to speak to you." Besides the indefinite order, he must do 25 days' rehabilitation and pay £199 costs.

Care theft of £296k

A FRAUDSTER who fled abroad after stealing £296,000 from an OAP was arrested on being deported back to the UK.

Pamela Gwinnett, 63, fleeced Joan Green while acting as her unofficial carer and continued to do so even after her death aged 89 in 2022.

Gwinnett, of Adlington, Lancs, fled to Tenerife last year but was convicted and jailed for six years in her absence.

She faced Manchester JPs yesterday and admitted failing to surrender to police. Sentencing is on Monday.

COLD COMFORT

Brits would rather be cold than hot, with 52 per cent happier when things are chilly, a poll of 2,000 adults found.

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£2M FORTUNE OF DR WHO'S NCUTI

DOCTOR Who star Ncuti Gatwa has built up a fortune of more than £2million, despite leaving the role last year.

The 33-year-old actor is sitting pretty after only two series in the Tardis.

Accounts for his company Gemini Moon for 2025 show that he had assets of £2,282,395.

After paying creditors, it is valued at £2,104,034. Gatwa – who also starred in Netflix comedy drama Sex Education and the Barbie movie – made his Time Lord debut on the BBC show's 60th anniversary special in 2023 as he appeared with former Doctor David Tennant.

In his final episode in May 2025, Ncuti appeared to regenerate – becoming Billie Piper, who previously played former companion Rose Tyler. Rwandan-Scottish star Ncuti had called the role "the most amazing job in the world" but said of his decision to leave: "It takes a lot out of you, physically, emotionally, mentally, and so it was time."

His departure came before the show's Christmas special was axed, and the BBC put out a competitive tender process for new production companies to run it.

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

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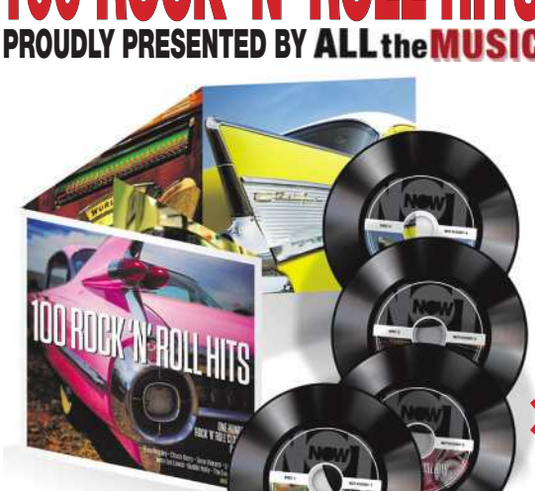

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It means the *small* boats crisis may soon need renaming.

For this hulking vessel was the people-smugglers' equivalent of an ocean-going liner.

At just under 13m long – or 42 feet – the monster craft which reached the UK on July 23 heralds a new era of mega-dinghies aimed at boosting the smuggling cartels' profits even more. The vessel, which was hauled ashore by Border Force agents at Dover, was 3.66m – or 12ft – longer than the classic Routemaster.

The French lifeboat service described the super-sized inflatable as "alarming", while Britain's RNLI added: "We are astonished by the number of people on board."

Former Border Force director general Tony Smith told The Sun: "The business model for the organised crime gangs has definitely changed in the last few months.

"They're moving away from smaller boats to more sophisticated models. And they're launching them from further away than Dunkirk and Calais, up towards Belgium or down the French coast.

"The tragedy is that the more people they load on to these things, the more dangerous they become and more people are going to die.

"There's a lot of money involved and clearly it's not going to stop." With a passage on a boat costing migrants as much as £1,500 each, that single mega-dinghy could have netted more than a quarter of a million pounds for the smuggling godfathers.

It left France at around 6am on Thursday from the Bay of Somme, far to the south of the usual Calais and Dunkirk launch sites.

A 19-year-old South Sudanese man has been accused of piloting the boat.

He appeared at Margate Magistrates' Court on Monday, where he denied endangering lives at sea and was remanded in custody to appear in court again later this month.

Prosecutor Lucie Fish said the boat was of poor quality, overcrowded and "appeared to be deflating upon interception".

Poor quality

A group of migrants who are thought to have stabbed a man to death on the beach at Berck-sur-Mer in France are thought to have been among the mega-dinghy's passengers.

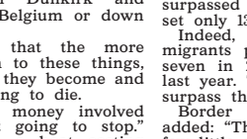
So where are the monster inflatables made? And how do they get to the Channel coast undetected?

What is clear is that the mega-dinghy phenomenon is a burgeoning tactic used by the smuggling gangs.

The record-breaking 167 migrants packed on to the July 23 dinghy surpassed the previous record of 128 set only 13 days previously.

Indeed, the average number of migrants per dinghy has risen from seven in 2018 to 41 in 2022 and 61 last year. The 2026 figure is likely to surpass that landmark.

Border Force veteran Mr Smith added: "This started out in 2017 as a few little rubber dinghies with maybe



BUS AND A GOLD MINE FOR SMUGGLERS

the small boats...

2026

This week's mega-dinghy, with its 167 lifejacket-clad passengers, is thought to have netted the people-traffickers around £250,000

the mega-dinghy

FLOOD . . . another packed dinghy bound for the UK on July 29 – the day that 752 migrants landed from France in nine boats

FIGHT BACK . . . sniffer dog Adele helps to intercept rubber boats at EU border and, *inset*, a dinghy adlon Alibaba

PICTURE: JAMES GLOSSOP

'The tragedy is the more people they load on to these things, the more dangerous they become'

— TONY SMITH
Ex-Border Force chief

or seven people on board. Over years, there has been a gradual alation and now we are talking ut serious organised crime being olved."

mugglers often buy the mega-ghies and their outboard motors ine from China. Until last year, ens of suppliers were openly ertising "high-quality refugee ts" on the Alibaba internet site, Chinese equivalent of Amazon.

n undercover reporter contacted of the dinghy firms and asked: "I uld like the biggest boat possible send migrants. Is 7m the longest ion?"

he firm replied: "If the boat is big, the boat itself will be too vy to move and install." Sir Keir Starmer's government and EU law enforcement joined forces to try to stop the import of cheap – and sometimes unseaworthy – inflatables.

Last year, the UK Treasury sanctioned a Chinese firm, Weihai Yamar Outdoors Product Co, which was advertising "refugee boats" for sale on its website. It allowed the Government to freeze its UK assets.

A Dubai-based firm called Alpa Trading FZCO was also sanctioned after it was accused of buying "engines, motors and spare parts from East Asia" to be used for cross-Channel people-smuggling.

The Alibaba site has cracked down on businesses openly touting dinghies as "refugee boats" and the descriptions have been removed. Last year, a firm called Qingdao Rongsheng Sports Goods was branding inflatables costing £1,508 each as a "immigrant boat".

The firm has since dropped the term from its products, though it uses photos to market its boats, which might seem attractive to a potential people-smuggler.

It is touting dinghies as big as 32ft and costing £1,695 on Alibaba using an image of people in fluorescent lifejackets sitting on either side of the craft. It says it is suitable for carrying 50 people.

The firm also offers an inflatable suitable for "offshore water sports" with a capacity of 40 people. It says one of its main markets is the UK.

The photo used on Alibaba shows rows of men in orange lifejackets with fishing rods perched on either side of the dinghy. Qingdao has been approached for comment.

The traffickers' inflatables are typically shipped to Turkey before being smuggled across the Bulgarian border into the EU.

On patrol at the border is rubber-sniffing dog Adele, a six-year-old German short-haired pointer provided by the UK's National Crime Agency.

Last year, a Bulgarian National Customs Agency spokesman told me how Adele reacts when she detects contraband. He said: "She does not bark but freezes in place. It's like saying, 'Problem!'."

More than 200 inflatables have been seized at the border since 2023, yet in recent days a flotilla of flimsy dinghies have made the perilous Channel crossing, proving the traffickers are one step ahead.

Once inside the Bulgarian border, the dinghies are in the EU's borderless Schengen zone and can be driven to the Channel without any further border scrutiny.

Tony Smith says the UK's Border Security Command has pushed EU customs agencies to make stringent checks for the inflatables.

He said: "Prior to all this, you could just bring dinghies in the backs of lorries right up through the Balkans or the Baltics and no one would bat an eyelid at customs.

"They are now doing customs checks on entry into the EU and they have been able to identify some warehouses used to store the dinghies in Germany.

"But obviously, when you're weighing this against hard drugs and weapons, looking out for rubber dinghies has not always been a top priority for European and international customs agencies."

Crime syndicates clearly find a way to get their dinghies to the Channel.

On July 23, when the record mega-dinghy made the crossing, two other boats made it to the UK, carrying 199 migrants between them.

July 29 was the busiest day in the Channel so far this year, with 752 people crossing in nine boats.

Four migrants died trying to make the crossing, one when the inflatable he was in capsized off Hardelot beach south of Boulogne.

Stark reminder

Seven hours later, three women were found dead aboard a small boat after it was launched from Dunkirk.

A Home Office spokesman said the Government was "deeply saddened" by the deaths, describing them as "a stark reminder of the dangers posed by criminal gangs exploiting vulnerable people for profit".

The Home Office says more than 44,000 attempted crossings have been stopped since the 2024 General Election. They say asylum claims are down by 12 per cent.

Yet the rise of the mega-dinghies suggests the smugglers are fine-tuning their business model.

Alp Mehmet, chairman of campaign group Migration Watch UK, told The Sun: "I think the dinghies will get bigger and bigger – as big as they can get away with.

"The gangs aren't going to be smashed, because there's shedloads of money in it for them, so why *wouldn't* they do it?"

JUL 23

167 number of migrants on mega-dinghy

128 previous record for migrants on one boat

£1,500 price per passage

£250,500 netted by people smugglers from one mega-dinghy

£1,695 price of 9.8m boat on Alibaba website

Fab DAILY

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CANNY GARDEN IDEAS ON TAP

WITH hosepipe bans being drip-fed throughout the country – due to recent hot and dry conditions – millions of us need to work watering cans harder than ever. Keep your plants happy in style with one of JOEL COOPER's practical – and pretty – picks.

Fallen Fruit flamingo, £8, B&Q

Korkgran, £5, Ikea

William Morris, £15, Amazon

Butterfly green glass, was £25, now £7.50, Oliver Bonas

GoodHome red steel, £7, B&Q

Kettle, £10.22, Sostrene Grene

Curved metal, £10, Dunelm

Country Living floral, £21, Wilko

After tipping the scales at 23st, flooring firm boss Katie Bailey, from Nuneaton, Warks, realised that drastic action was needed to slim down

I LOST 13st AFTER DOCS TOLD ME I WAS TOO FAT TO BE SEDATED FOR SURGERY

SQUASHED into a hospital chair, my heart sank as the reality of the surgeon's words hit home.

"I'm sorry, we can't do the tennis elbow surgery under general anaesthetic. Your BMI is just too high," he said.

Tears stung my eyes. With my BMI at 56, classified as extremely morbidly obese, there were serious implications for my health.

A week later, I was forced to endure the surgery under local anaesthetic, meaning I was fully alert for the 45-minute procedure.

I could hear things like my bone being cut into. It was grim.

At 5ft 3in, 23st and a size 26, I had tried every diet possible – but this medical horror in December 2019 made me realise that weight-loss surgery was the only answer.

I'm now 44 and m weight woes started aged 16, when I hit 16st, a size 16, and realised I was much bigger than most of my peers.

I was binge-eating into my twenties, by which time I was eating five bars of Dairy Milk a day, grazing on crisps and having a McDonald's Happy Meal, with nine extra nuggets, for lunch twice a week.

Yet my size and unhealthy diet didn't stop me from marrying my first boyfriend, when I was 22.

After we had our child a year later, I ballooned to 19st.

Even cuddling the kids felt awkward

I loved being a mum to James, now 21, but I was so busy in the trenches of parenting that I used my five-chocolate-bar habit to get me through the night feeds.

As my baby grew and I fed him a healthy diet packed with fruit and veg, I started eating chocolate in my car – I didn't want him to think that his mum could not control what she ate. When I was 27, my relationship with his dad ended and, a year later, I fell in love with my now-husband, flooring company owner Paul.

I loved going to the theatre but was terrified of getting stuck in the seats . . . whether bar stools would take my weight

Between relationships, I did the Herbalife diet and went from 20st to 17st – but like most diets, it was unsustainable and it didn't take long for me to pile the pounds back on again.

When our daughter Sienna was born in February 2010, my poor eating habits continued. But Paul said he loved me just the way I was, and we had a great relationship with lots of romance.

When he asked me to marry him in 2014, I was delighted – and put the fact my wedding dress was a size 20 to the back of my mind.

But my weight was causing me to live my life at half-speed.

I loved going to the theatre but was terrified of getting stuck in the seats, so when pals invited me, I always turned them down.

Girlfriends would ask me to go on spa days, but I would panic and often call the resorts ahead of time to see if their dressing gowns would fit me.

And when the same mates planned boozy nights out, I would fret about whether bar stools would be able to take my weight.

Family holidays were also problematic as belts on aeroplanes were too tight – so I took the step of buying my own £10 belt extender so I didn't have to ask a steward for one.

A bikini on the beach was out of the question and even cuddling up to the kids felt awkward as their little arms could barely fit around my bulk.

But when I had to stay conscious for surgery, I knew something had to change.

In February 2021, my beloved stepdad David, then 71, became gravely ill with bowel cancer.

While he was poorly in bed, he said he wanted to give me a gift of £1,000.

And as I hugged him to say thank you, I made a promise to myself: I would put his money towards weight-loss surgery for a healthier future.

When I reqached 24st and a size 26, research pointed to a gastric sleeve as my best option.

This surgery would remove about 75 per cent of my stomach, and as I struggled with impulsive eating, it would be perfect for future portion control.

The skin removed weighed 16lb

Between 6,000 and 7,000 Brits have gastric surgery on the NHS each year and 4,000 go private.

A further 5,000 people travel abroad for the same operation – mostly to Turkey, Eastern Europe or the Middle East.

When I began looking into the op, the NHS waiting list near me was approximately three years, but I found you could have it done privately within months at a cost of £12,000. Paul was supportive from the off, saying he just wanted me to be happy.

And my mum and dad were great, too. Mum gave me £1,000 to put towards the surgery and Dad also chipped in with a gift of £2,000. After looking at our finances, Paul said we could afford the surgery if we cut back on future investments. He told me: "We are investing in your future."

It felt like my whole family was buying into my happiness and in March 2021, I was ready to go.

Meeting surgeon Chris Sutton at Woodland Hospital in Kettering, Northants, was so reassuring.

After talking things through with him, I was sure a gastric sleeve was the correct decision for me and booked the surgery.

Days later, though, my stepdad

THEN
24st,
BMI 56,
size 26

Katie went from this...to this

NOW
11st,
BMI 26.6,
Size 10

LOVING LIFE . . . Katie as she is now

Photography by David Cummings

DIET BEFORE

BREAKFAST: Biscuits or a few slices of toast with jam, bacon sandwich at the weekend.
LUNCH: Huge sandwiches and crisps or a visit to the chip shop.
DINNER: Family meal of spaghetti bolognese or cottage pie, huge portions.
SNACKS: Whole packet of biscuits, chocolate bars, buttered toast and family-sized packets of supermarket own-brand salt and vinegar crisps.

DIET NOW

BREAKFAST: Fruit and yoghurt or one slice of seeded toast or a crumpet.
LUNCH: Chicken, ham or prawns with cucumber, avocado and maybe some crackers or salad with it. If eating out, a Caesar salad, pizza or garlic prawns.
DINNER: Whatever the family is having, such as a HelloFresh meal box of prawn stirfry or gyozas.
SNACKS: Nuts, a digestive or Rich Tea biscuit, fruit pots or a Babybel.

What she had done

Gastric sleeve:	£12,000
Tummy tuck with muscle repair, new belly button and arm lift:	£7,000
Upper-to-mid back lift and breast implants:.....	£7,000
Mounjaro for one year:	£2,400
Thigh lift:	£10,000
TOTAL:	**£38,400**

died and I was left heartbroken.

It felt poignant, as the surgery he had helped happen was just months away and he would never get to see the results.

The op, in May 2021, took just under two hours under general anaesthetic. I was not nervous and had no pain when I woke up. My diet had to go through a six-week transition, starting with liquids, then soft foods until I was finally eating normal food.

The weight came off at two or three pounds a week – and after seven months, I had lost 5st.

But although I was thrilled with my weight-loss, I became unhappy with the saggy, numb skin around my middle.

When I had lost 9st 7lb, I decided to book in for a tummy tuck with muscle repair, a new tummy button and arm lift – which can be done all at the same time – and knew Turkey would be the place to do it. I read a lot of reviews before opting for the combined surgery. At £7,000, the op was half the price it would have been going private in the UK. Paul suggested using our holiday savings fund to pay for it, so in September 2022, I had the 12-hour procedure.

Both of us will be rocking bikinis

I couldn't fault the medical staff at all, and couldn't believe I walked out with a flat tummy.

Paul, now 47, flew to Turkey with me and nursed me. It wasn't a relaxing family holiday, but it was special to do this together.

The amount of skin removed during this op weighed 16lb.

In December 2022, my weight had dropped to 14st 2lb, but the loose skin on my back had become uncomfortable, so I went back to Turkey for a bra line lift to remove it and breast implants, which cost another £7,000.

My mum gifted me the money, as she knew how much it meant to me – and I was very pleased with the results.

When my weight plateaued at 14st, my GP suggested I try the weight-loss jab Mounjaro for a year, which I did – paying £200 a month for it.

In June 2025, I reached 10st 10lb and my doctor said it was perfect for my 5ft 3in frame.

At the start of this year, I had a medial thigh lift at a Warwickshire hospital to remove loose skin and excess fat from the inner thigh, and it gave fantastic results.

I saved half the £10,000 fee myself by buying every item we needed for the house or my wardrobe from Vinted, and Mum stumped up the cash for the other half. What started out as gastric surgery became the ultimate mummy makeover – and now I am fitter and able to maintain my weight with twice-daily dog walks and twice-weekly Pilates.

I am finally in the body I was meant to have and can go to the theatre and on spa days without a second thought. Things are better than ever with Paul, too. We are more romantic, plus I can wear nice underwear that I could only have dreamed of before.

This summer, my daughter and I are hitting Majorca – and both of us will be rocking bikinis.

My son has even said he won't show his friends the holiday photos in case they think I'm a MILF, which is hilarious.

As told to:
NIKKI WATKINS

dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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CONTINUES TOMORROW

I don't want to be part of a throuple

Dear Deidre

MY girlfriend told me she's been having an affair with my mate, then asked if we could have an open relationship.

I agreed, but I feel like I've been forced to go along with it or else I'll lose her.

I'm 28 and she is 26. We have been together for two years.

One evening a few weeks ago, she sat down on the sofa next to me and burst into tears.

From the way she looked at me, I thought she was going to tell me she had fallen out of love with me.

Instead, she confessed she had been sleeping with my best friend behind my back.

I was so shell-shocked, I could hardly speak. I had been betrayed by the two people I trusted more than anyone and it was devastating. She kept saying she loved me and didn't want to lose me.

Then, to make matters even worse, she said she also had feelings for him and wanted to keep seeing us both.

The solution, she claimed, was an open relationship.

I didn't want that. I don't want to share her and I certainly don't want to sleep with anyone else, but I was terrified she would leave if I said no.

So I said OK.

Since then, it's been horrible. Seeing her text him while we're sitting on the sofa together makes my stomach churn.

We all bumped into each other in the pub recently and I had to watch them laughing together while I stood there feeling invisible.

I lie awake all night wondering why I am not enough.

Confusingly, she tells me she loves me just as much as ever.

But every time she goes out to meet him, I feel sick with jealousy.

My best mate acts as though nothing has happened. I can't even look him in the eye. I hate sharing the woman I love, but if I tell her the truth, she might choose him instead.

What should I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You are so scared of losing your girlfriend that you've lost yourself.**

Open relationships only work when both partners genuinely want one. You need to be honest.

Tell her this arrangement isn't making you happy and that you only agreed because you feared she would leave.

Make it clear how betrayed you feel by her and your best mate. You need to be heard.

It's possible that she will say she would prefer to walk away from the relationship. That might be for the best for both of you.

But if she truly loves you, you need to talk about how you can rebuild trust after her affair.

My support pack, Cheating, Can You Get Over It?, should help.

HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU are worried about anything please get in touch with my team of counsellors and we will do our best to help you. Every email receives a personal response.

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Dear Deidre

I HAVE a sexual fetish that my girlfriend finds degrading and "a bit seedy".

I don't want to lose her, so what should I do?

I'm 34 and have been with my partner, who is 32, for three years. We have a great, easy-going relationship and our sex life has always been good, but there's one issue that's causing us stress.

I've realised that I much prefer to climax over her body, rather than inside her.

She has told me it makes her feel uncomfortable and humiliated. She doesn't understand why I'm not satisfied with a more conventional ending to sex.

But I don't disrespect her and it isn't something I'm copying from porn.

I have always fantasised about this, even before I watched my first video.

I can't explain it. The last thing I want is to make her feel objectified. Is there something wrong with me?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: There's nothing "wrong" with you – you just have a sexual preference that your girlfriend doesn't share.**

Although you say it's not because of porn, this is a common porn scenario.

For many men, it's about marking their territory, owning a woman – which is probably why it makes your girlfriend uncomfortable.

Ultimately, good sex relies on mutual enjoyment and consent. If she doesn't want you to do this, you have to accept it and find other ways to reach sexual fulfilment.

Alternatively, you could break up and look for a partner who enjoys it. Only you can decide if you love her enough to sacrifice this need.

My support pack, Fetish Worries, might be helpful.

THANK YOU FOR...

HELPING DAUGHTER WITH DRINK WORRY

Dear Deidre

WHEN I wrote, I was worried about my daughter's secret drinking problem.

She was already receiving treatment for depression, but I had become increasingly concerned that she wasn't taking her medication properly.

She's 31 and my wife and I are in our late fifties. Whenever our daughter came home to visit, she would disappear into her room every evening and get blind drunk.

Then she would become nasty.

When I finally raised the subject of her drinking, she was in total denial. She stopped speaking to me and cancelled her next planned visit.

I felt powerless and scared of what might happen. Your advice was both practical and compassionate. You reminded me that I couldn't force her to get help, but I could make it clear how much I love her and show her my door would always be open.

You also pointed me towards charities wearewithyou.org.uk and adfam.org.uk, for those who are affected by someone else's drinking, and encouraged me to seek support for myself, too.

And you sent me your support pack, Dealing With A Problem Drinker.

It made such a difference. I felt reassured there was support available and I no longer felt quite so alone.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: I'm so glad my advice made you feel less scared and isolated. I hope your daughter can turn a corner.**

I'M GOING TO BE A HERMIT SO 'PALS' WON'T HURT ME

Dear Deidre

AFTER a lifetime trusting the wrong people and being taken for a ride by a supposed close friend, I've had enough.

I'm giving up on other people altogether. That way, no one can take advantage of me again.

I'm a 60-year-old woman. Growing up, I was constantly told by my family that I was stupid and nobody would ever be my friend unless I bought their affection.

Sadly, I've started to believe they may have been right. I'm a fool.

Last summer, a friendship of more than 25 years came to a painful end.

Before emigrating to Portugal, my "friend" owed me more than £5,000. I had been lending her money for years – for concert tickets, household items, debts and food.

Whenever I asked to be repaid, she made an excuse. It was only after I publicly outed her on social media, just before she left, that she suddenly found £2,000 to repay me. I haven't seen the remaining money and I know I won't. What hurts most is the fact she never cared about me and just used me for money.

I have realised I am too trusting, too gullible and have nothing about me that people would genuinely like.

Becoming a hermit seems like the only answer.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your so-called friend treated you very badly and took advantage of your kind nature. That's a reflection on her character, not yours.**

Please don't confuse being generous and trusting with being a fool.

Not everyone is like her, so don't close the door on other friendships. Next time you make a friend, take it slowly. Don't lend them money and don't ignore red flags. Look for signs that they give as well as take.

Your unhappy childhood has left you feeling you're not good enough, which makes you open to exploitation.

My support pack, Raising Self-esteem, could help you to gain confidence.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

MY gran died a few months ago and now I feel my whole family is abandoning me.

My parents are planning to move 200 miles away and my brother is going with them. But I'm a student and have a boyfriend where I am.

I'm 19 and I was really close to my gran. Knowing my family won't be around to talk to makes me feel so alone. It's like they don't care about me.

When I told Mum how I felt, she said I was emotionally blackmailing her.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You're dealing with several big losses at once. Sit down calmly with your mum to talk.**

Write down what you want to say. My support pack, Standing Up For Yourself, should help you.

Start building support outside your family – with your friends and boyfriend. You will only be a phone call away from your family.

hot topic

FEAR of the dentist is something many people experience and, for some, it can feel overwhelming.

Worries about pain, past experiences or the sights and sounds of a dental clinic can sometimes make even routine appointments feel stressful.

Avoiding check-ups may feel easier in the short-term, but it can allow problems to build over time.

If the thought of your next check-up fills you with anxiety, my support pack, Afraid Of The Dentist?, can help.

GET IN TOUCH

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

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EXCELLENT: **32** GOOD: **23**
GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: **18**

YESTERDAY: Amah, anchor, arch, chai, chain, chair, chairman, cham, char, charm, chia, chin, china, chino, choir, chroma, hain, hair, harm, harmonic, hoar, horn, ichor, inch, macho, march, mocha, mohair, mohican, monarch, nacho, ohmic, ranch, rhino, rich, roach, HARMONICA.

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WIN! £50 WORDSEARCH

The 16 items listed below are all forms of potato, but which one isn't in the grid?

J	G	I	T	S	O	R	M	H	P	BOILED
U	Y	Q	A	L	G	D	A	E	C	CHIPS
L	D	U	C	H	E	S	S	E	H	CROQUETTE
I	T	M	P	L	H	I	E	D	I	DUCHESSE
E	R	A	I	B	A	I	I	N	P	FRENCH FRIES
N	O	O	R	N	L	T	R	A	S	HASH BROWN
N	B	O	N	T	R	U	F	I	N	HASSELBACK
E	W	O	O	E	A	T	H	W	Y	JACKET
N	Y	T	D	K	L	R	C	E	G	JULIENNE
L	M	M	S	C	I	N	N	D	E	LYONNAISE
A	P	A	O	A	T	R	E	G	F	MASH
I	E	L	S	J	O	U	R	E	A	PATATAS BRAVAS
N	S	E	O	H	D	R	F	S	R	ROAST
H	A	S	S	E	L	B	A	C	K	ROSTI
T	E	T	T	E	U	Q	O	R	C	SAUTE
										WEDGES

How to enter for a chance at the £50 prize: See puzzle page 3

MINDBENDER

What words are spelled out if you replace the names of the chemical elements and isotopes with their chemical symbols?

[a] Lanthanum, Tungsten, Yttrium, Erbium
[b] Vanadium, Iodine, Silicon, Tellurium, Deuterium
[c] Astatine, Lanthanum, Nitrogen, Titanium, Carbon

Answer tomorrow.

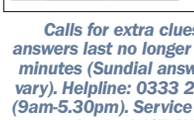
PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter C in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find 18 items to do with Greece. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

O	N	F	A	N	I	A	D	E	C	O	ACROPOLIS
N	K	E	L	O	E	F	O	S	E	R	ATHENS
E	H	T	S	A	T	R	H	C	T	F	CORFU
P	A	R	K	I	A	S	O	R	E	U	CORINTH
N	S	T	E	C	T	H	N	O	K	O	CRETE
O	I	A	R	O	R	O	S	M	Y	L	DELPHI
H	N	K	A	S	I	P	O	O	Z	Y	FETA
T	A	D	U	S	N	O	L	I	U	M	KEFALONIA
A	L	E	O	H	T	R	C	S	O	P	MARATHON
R	P	H	M	P	I	S	A	T	A	I	MOUSSAKA
A	M	I	A	T	T	N	E	H	S	C	MYKONOS
											OLYMPICS
											OUZO
											PARTHENON
											PITTA
											RETSINA
											RHODES
											SKIATHOS

ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.



ACROSS
1 SEWN
4 PEDAL
5 TREY

DOWN
1 PANE
2 DEWEY
3 GEED

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ACROSS

1 From the region between Ohio and the Rockies (10)
6 Hairdryer attachment (8)
12 Strait separating Anglesey and the Welsh mainland (5)
13 Singer of Anywhere (4,3)
14 World's largest antelope (5)
15 German shepherd dog (8)
16 Mouthpiece of a musical instrument (10)
18 Dialect of Liverpool (6)
20 Sophia Loren's nationality (7)
22 West African republic which includes Timbuktu (4)
25 Band who had a hit with Tiger Feet (3)
26 Ancient port of Rome (5)
27 Cuban-American actress, star of Hitch (3,6)
29 British government of India (3)
30 Plant of the pea family with aromatic seeds (9)
31 Surname of antiheroine Scarlett in Gone With The Wind (5)
32 Mr Odenkirk, Better Call Saul actor (3)
34 Substance with a pH of less than seven (4)
36 Town just west of Glasgow (7)
37 Capital of Croatia (6)
40 Exam taken in the last year of primary school (6-4)
42 Shuffling tap-dance style (4-4)
45 Capital of Tibet (5)
46 Machine that converts kinetic into mechanical energy (7)
47 Actress Ms Witherspoon (5)
49 Difference in value of a country's imports and exports (5,3)
50 Singer with the albums Born To Die and Lust For Life (4,3,3)

DOWN

1 Film company which uses a lion as its symbol (inits)(3)
2 Original It'll Be Alright On The Night presenter (5,6)
3 Author of Adam Bede (5)
4 Area including Paignton and Brixham (6)
5 London luxury hotel (4)
7 American state with Boise as its capital (5)
8 Language spoken in Quebec (6)
9 Shoulder blade (7)
10 The Parachute Regiment's display team (3,6)
11 Star of No Country For Old Men (5,3,5)
15 Tea-growing state of NE India (5)
17 Famous Venice location (2,5,6)
19 Second-largest town in Berkshire (6)
21 2009 James Cameron sci-fi film (6)
23 Greek goddess of war and wisdom (6)
24 One of Hoover Dam's states (6)
28 Yul Brynner's co-star in The King And I (7,4)
30 Variety of kidney bean (9)
33 Christian Scriptures (5)
35 Japanese art with flowers (7)
38 Alternative philosophy or culture (3,3)
39 State capital of Kansas (6)
41 Ancient Jordanian city (5)
43 Number of horses which pull a troika (5)
44 Tributary of the Colorado River flowing through New Mexico and Arizona (4)
48 East Anglian cathedral city (3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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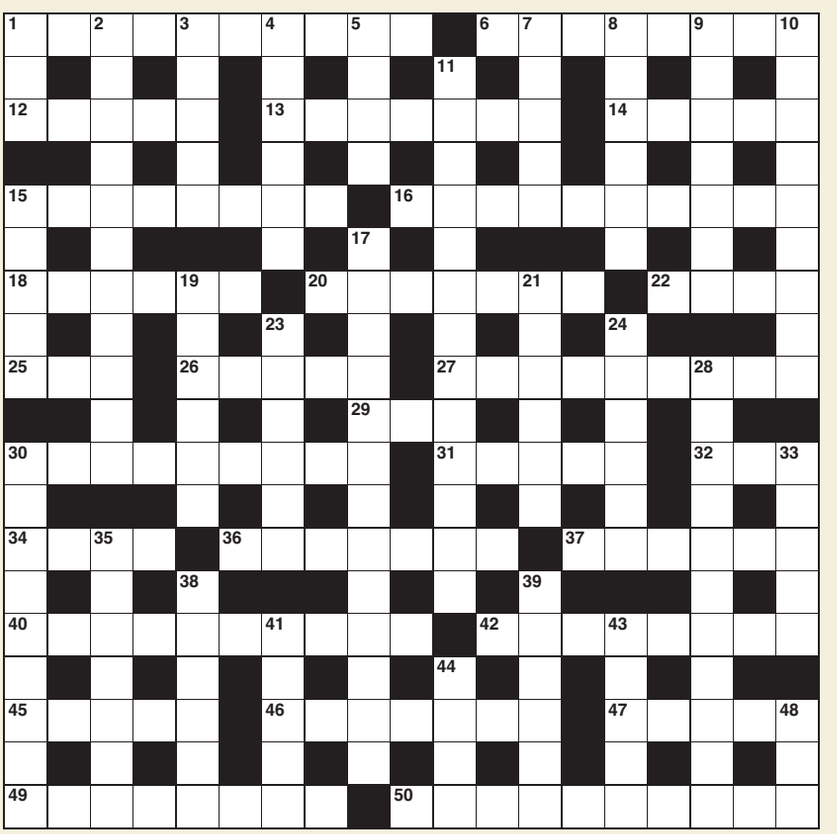

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crossword

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Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an actress (8,7).

ACROSS

1 The ___ Of It, political comedy with Peter Capaldi (5)
6 ___ Atkinson, TV's Mr Bean (5)
7 '___ Saving Expert', aka Martin Lewis (5)
9 Paul McCartney's designer daughter (6)
11 First name of Hollywood legend Mr Grant (4)
12 ___ Minds, pop group who had hits with Don't You and Belfast Child (6)
15 Simon ___, Four Weddings And A Funeral star (6)
17 Alesha Dixon's group who recently made a comeback (3-4)
18 Surname of father and daughter directors Francis Ford and Sofia (7)
21 Songs Of ___, Sunday programme (6)
23 James ___, actor and TV presenter (6)
26 2009 hit for Beyoncé (4)
27 The ___ Of Everything, Eddie Redmayne film (6)
29 The First ___ Club, 1996 comedy starring Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn (5)
30 ___ Diamond, 2006 DiCaprio film (5)
31 1966 film starring Michael Caine (5)

DOWN

1 ___ the Tank Engine, kids' TV character (6)
2 ___ Jenner, Kim Kardashian's mother (4)
3 US legal drama with Kathy Bates (7)
4 David Neilson's Coronation Street character (3,7)
5 ___ Wogan, late broadcaster (5)
8 Helen Worth's former Corrie character (4)
10 ___ Are The Days Of Our Lives, Queen song (5)
13 ___ Stirling, Love Island narrator (4)
14 Longest-serving investor on Dragons' Den (5,5)
16 US high-school musical series (4)
19 Academy Award (5)
20 ___ Hills, home of movie stars (7)
22 ___ The Woods, 2014 film (4)
24 ___ Scherzinger, US pop singer (6)
25 Heroine of The Sound Of Music (5)
28 Ancient Jedi master of the Star Wars films (4)

SUNRISER

Place these items in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another word, name or phrase to do with Formula One.

ALBON
BRUNDLE
DRIVE
FERRARI
RACING
RENAULT
RUSSELL

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a DJ & producer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

6 & 1	Ricky, late English former unified light-welterweight world champion (third and last letters of name)
4 & 9	Author of Animal Farm
2 & 10	Mr Liotta, late star of Something Wild, Field Of Dreams and Goodfellas (second and third letters of name)
7 & 3	Mr Tielemans, Man Utd midfielder who scored the only goal in the 2021 FA Cup Final (first and third letters of name)
5 & 8	This actress appeared in Goldfinger, The Avengers and the TV series The Upper Hand

Yesterday: Actress ZOE HENRY (Nancy (Dell'Olio), (Christoph) Waltz, Eve (Muirhead), Ollie (Pope), Herb (Alpert)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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BRAINBOX

Daisy was thinking of three numbers between 10 and 100. One was the reverse of another; the third was the reverse of the difference between the first two. The largest number was greater by 17 than the sum of the other two. At least one of the numbers was divisible by 7, and at least one was divisible by 8, while at least one of the numbers was prime. If the total sum of all three numbers was 127, can you work out what they were?

Solution tomorrow.

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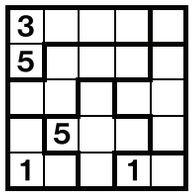
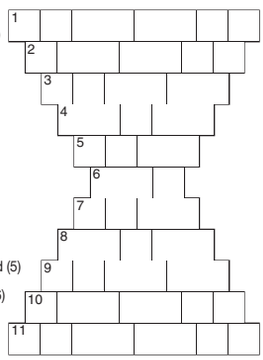
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

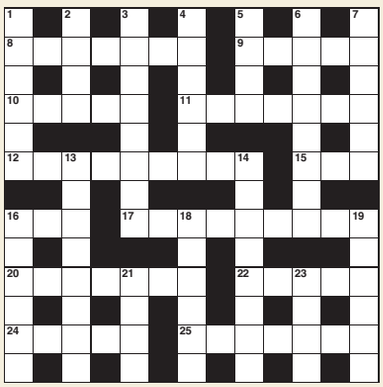
1 Person living on Skye, perhaps (8)
2 Refusals (7)
3 Firmly fixed (6)
4 Just right (5)
5 North of England valley (4)
6 Young boy (3)
7 ___ carriageway, fast road (4)
8 So as to be heard (5)
9 Empty (a truck) (6)
10 Lumpy (7)
11 Complete (3-5)



2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same



ACROSS

8 Name of the lion on a 1960s kids' TV show (7)
9 Welsh breed of dog, favourite of Queen Elizabeth II (5)
10 Subject (5)
11 Extreme (7)
12 Neighbour of Costa Rica (9)
15 Cut off the top of (3)
16 Object for striking a ball (3)
17 Conduct badly (9)
20 Fastest land animal (7)
22 Part of a tyre in contact with the road (5)
24 Strain (5)
25 Cut with office equipment (7)

DOWN

1 Precisely what is required (4,2)
2 Rigid support (4)
3 Device for playing a guitar (8)
4 Using a device with QWERTY layout? (6)
5 Historical payment (4)
6 Actress Scales who played Sybil in Fawlty Towers (8)
7 Interject (4,2)
13 Flexible tube used to empty the bladder (8)
14 Slaughterhouse (8)
16 Squabble (6)
18 Breach (6)
19 Put up with, without giving in (6)
21 Young children (4)
23 Cardinal point (4)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

8 Players desperate for herb (7)
9 Turned over some big rocks for dog (5)
10 Work to block Twitch theme (5)
11 Popular and perfect, perhaps, and passionate (7)
12 Car entering Guiana, surprisingly, and this country (9)
15 Left old penny in dock (3)
16 Creature often found in belfry of church leaving consignment (3)
17 Somehow, Mensa magi mess up (9)
20 Revolutionary loathing revolutionary, an African predator (7)
22 Tramp in Tesla on notice (5)
24 Make a big effort by cutting tree back (5)
25 Cut mollusc is sore, somewhat (7)

DOWN

1 Lad claiming Kitty is exactly right (4,2)
2 Professional piano player next to hooker (4)
3 Pick unusual crumpet containing bit of lemon (8)
4 Extremely trendy peg good for keyboard work? (6)
5 Small bed for Glaswegian? (4)
6 Trim everything the wrong way in strong fabric (8)
7 Say something as Greek character exercises on horseback (4,2)
13 Provide food around the Tube (8)
14 A club with rising insurrection becomes a killing zone (8)
16 Fight motorcyclist about Charlie (6)
18 Rift, as second child is male (6)
19 Tolerate nude dancing? Concerning (6)
21 Adds up drinks (4)
23 Bridge player in unusual seat (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 S-toi-c, 4 S-war-me-d, 8 A-b-solve, 9 O-w-ne-r, 10 Plum-bin-g, 12 C-ape, 14 Radish, 15 Cares-s, 18 Cor-k, 19 Saboteur, 21 Or-ion, 22 Rainbow, 24 Special, 25 Sur(e)ly.
DOWN: 1 S-carp-er, 2 Ops, 3 C-a-lab-ash, 4 Si-enna, 5 Ag-og, 6 Manga-nese, 7 Dir-g-e, 11 Under-fire, 13 Parodies, 16 Scrawny, 17 Pat-rol(e), 18 Cross, 20 Anti, 23 Bar(d).

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INITIALS

If E is Euphoria, what are these other Jacob Elordi TV shows or films?

1. WH
2. F
3. S
4. TNRTTDN
5. P
6. TKB

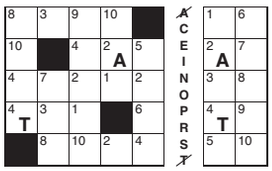
UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six Chris Pratt films.

1. LIVE EMOTE HOG
2. USSR CROWD JAIL
3. I ABHOR OVERTIME SUPREMOS
4. AHOY! FLAXES GRADUATING
5. RESETTLE ETHIC ACT
6. ATOM ROW THROWER

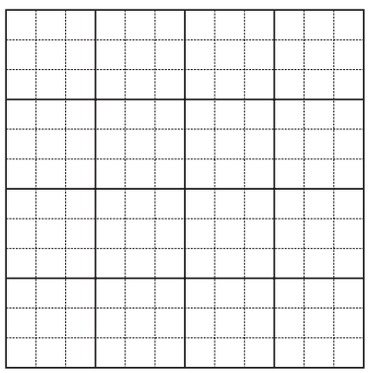
MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.



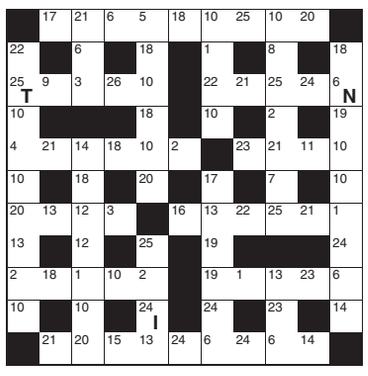
ACROSS

1 Business mogul • Paint thinner
3 Given a money penalty • Painting done on wet plaster
5 Putting off until later
6 Dried grass • Belonging to that girl
7 Giant mythical bird • Little devil
8 Running away
10 Whisky • Sing softly
12 Become narrow • Feel bitter about

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: Tuxedo, Reek, Beau, Kindly, Objectivity, Upshot, Lilo, Tsar, Opaque.
DOWN: Mute, Defuse, Workstation, Grin, Zealot, Bypass, Vulgar, Hurl, Loud.



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ARROWORD

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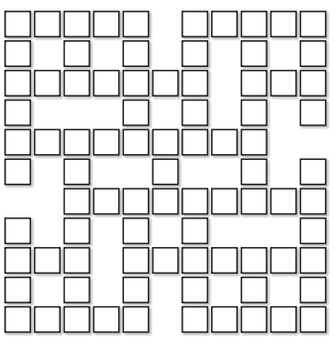
Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a presenter (8,8).

	__ in, surrounds		Fried tortilla		Aid
Grew into		Spider's trap		Unwrap	
Exclusive story					
	__ Williams, US tennis star		Mona __, famous painting		Gentle

__ & Stacey, sitcom	'Terrible' Russian ruler		Symbol					
					Claret, eg			
Gethin __, TV presenter	Pig sounds		Functions				Booth	
					Luxuriate (in hot weather)			
Occurring by chance		Moggie	Extreme annoyance	Early morning moisture		First name of the pictured presenter	Bar bill	Untruth
__ Gillan, Scottish actress						__ Baba, panto character		
Casserole					Skilful			

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.



3 letters
EAU
FAN
LEA
NET
OAK

4 letters
BLOC
TOTE

5 letters
AWFUL
CHEST
EVENT
LURCH
ORBIT
POLAR
POSIT
TRUCE

6 letters
ACCEPT
ENZYME

7 letters
BREWERY
CASCADE
CONTROL
SUNBEAM

9 letters
PACKHORSE
SPOKESMAN

MINIDOKU

Using only the numbers 1-4, fill the empty spaces so every row, column and smaller 2x2 grid contains the numbers 1 to 4.

1			
			2
4			
			3

	4	1	
1			2
3			4
	2	3	

Solutions

Minidoku

2	1	4	3
4	3	2	1
3	4	1	2
1	2	3	4

4	2	3	1
3	1	2	4
1	3	4	2
2	4	1	3

Piecework

Kriss Kross

Mini Code

Unscramble
1. The Lego Movie
2. Jurassic World
3. The Super Mario Bros. Movie
4. Guardians Of The Galaxy
5. The Electric State
6. The Tomorrow War

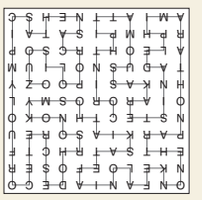
Brickwork
1 Islander 2 Denials
3 Nailed 4 Ideal 5 Dale
6 Lad 7 Duel 8 Aloud
9 Unload 10 Nodular
11 All-round

Suguru

1	3	2	1
2	5	4	3
1	3	1	2
2	5	4	3
3	4	1	2
1	3	2	1

Initials
1. Wuthering Heights
2. Frankenstein
3. Saltburn
4. The Narrow Road To The Deep North
5. Priscilla
6. The Kissing Booth

Pathfinder



Sunfixer
Racing, Ferrari, Drive, Albon, Renault, Brundle, Russell – spelling RED BULL.

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 News 4 Plead 5 Tyre
DOWN: 1 Nape 2 Weedy 3 Edge

Sekuta
PAGE 2
Top line 734
Middle 981
Bottom 562

TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

6	2	3	1	4	5	
1	5	4	6	2	3	
5	6	2	4	3	1	
3	4	1	2	5	6	
2	1	5	3	6	4	
4	3	6	5	1	2	

Letter Box

T	H	A	T	
R	O	V	E	
A	P	E	S	
P	E	R	T	

Word Ladder
WINE, WIRE, WORE, CORE, CORK.

Add It Up
77

Set Square

9	+	6	−	8		
+		+		+		
5	÷	1	−	4		
−		−		×		
7	+	2	÷	3		

Futoshiki

Sakuro
378
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592

Prize solutions

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

You could be getting nowhere with someone who is wrapped up in themselves, so push for a talk. A partner's career dream is admirable but is it practical? Probably not, and that's why you're needed to make it work. Decide on an educational issue that's making a family member anxious.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Cut through rushed ideas and turn a confusing issue round. Going fifty-fifty makes a lucrative situation better. Draw a line under a disagreement with a friend and make the changes you want – then you'll still both succeed. If a teenager acts up, especially about money, deal with it pronto before it gets out of hand.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Saving cash isn't usually your thing but you've done surprisingly well and can now move fast on a plan. Buy what you like, even something quirky, and especially electrical. Someone's change of mind at work breaks a deal, but opens possibilities for you. Compromise smooths upset.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

An overseas trip is on and off. Trust it's on, then you and a partner will be all set for it or for another last-minute deal. Foreign friends are a joy, especially on a fishing trip or a wedding. Ask youngsters questions all you like but if they won't talk, let it go. A family member's faith in the truth is touching.

LEO July 23 – August 23

You have worked wonders sorting out the dilemmas of others, but you can't focus on your needs until you've understood puzzling past events. However if you never get to the bottom of something, let it go. Unless you're a bank manager, encourage older family members and friends to sort out their own finances.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

A partner's generosity – emotional and financial – shows and a night out to a swish restaurant is a treat. Single? A new relationship starts well but if someone disappears this weekend, it's just for unfinished business. Your experience saves the day for someone at sea. Put them right with some truthful talk.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Your imagination is a knockout so use the weekend to find ingenious solutions to get on top of a job, or search online for new work. Health benefits from friendly relations with practitioners, so book a treatment. A partner's fascination with photos or videos inspires you to create family images together.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Keeping up with the bills and entertaining the kids means robbing Peter to pay Paul but you'll get by. If you're brave enough for karaoke this weekend, you will be proud of yourself. Missing someone or obsessing about babies, makes you moody and indecisive. Get on with DIY and other tasks and you'll feel better.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

You're happy at home and warmly welcome friends visiting. Idling away time on a balcony or in the garden provides the gossip and if there are cocktails, what's not to love? Arguments between a couple are uncomfortable but don't get involved. Single? A new affair stirs and if it's a Gemini, you talk the night away.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Some truths are hard to tell a loved one, so do so gently. There are ways around differences. A domestic situation is delicate but changes work for you. You love tradition but have an instinctive sense of what's needed in future. Talk things through with an expert and bring something closer to reality.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

Regular bills aren't huge when you and a partner or flatmates share them. Get familiar with a friend's new interest, especially an invention or way of thinking. Another friend's previous experience of it isn't typical so don't let that put you off. Gifts from pals can heal, so work your magic with them.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

With the moon in your sign you are super-sensitive to other's feelings. Your instinct is to speak up if kids aren't being treated right but can you really make a difference? Probably not, so mum's the word. No matter what friends are up to that you would like to be part of, your family comes first.

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JAG JOB CUT

JAGUAR LAND ROVER is planning to cut hundreds of jobs, less than a year after a devastating cyber attack.

The car maker said the impacted employees would be supported to find alternative roles where possible, or they could take "voluntary early exit".

It said it expected fewer than 300 of its 30,000 employees to leave the firm.

The cyber attack cost JLR around £1.9billion and in June it said it planned to cut £1.7billion in costs. It's thought the job losses will affect management roles rather than production line staff.

HIRING WOE

THE boss of **SCREWFIX** has warned red tape is stopping young workers being hired through apprenticeships.

CEO John Mewett said many firms are being put off as it is "too complicated, from the paperwork, the hiring, to managing apprentice workload".

Almost one million young people are not in work, education, or training.

Employers can get up to £8,000 in apprenticeship scheme support, but Mr Mewett said many are not claiming it as they are too complex to set up.

ARGOS IS AR-GONE

£120m Sainsbury's sell-off

By EMILY MEE

SAINSBURY'S has agreed to sell ARGOS to SWIFT PARTNERS as part of a £120million deal.

For now, Argos will continue to trade as normal from its standalone stores and locations in Sainsbury's outlets.

Customers will also still be able to use their Nectar cards in Argos stores.

Swift Partners is a new company formed by retail veterans Richard Pennycook, Trevor Strain and Matt Truman.

Sainsbury's has been focusing more on its food business since chief executive Simon Roberts took over in 2020.

The supermarket chain said the deal was a "further step forward in our strategy" and would allow it to "focus all our resources and investment on the significant opportunities ahead". It also said it would create "the strongest possible future for Argos".

Sale . . . in-store Argos

The deal means Swift has acquired all Argos standalone stores and those inside Sainsbury's supermarkets, plus Argos Care and Argos Pet Insurance.

The deal is expected to be completed by February 2027, with the businesses fully separating by February 2029.

Mr Roberts said: "Today is an important next step in building the strongest future for Argos and I would like to reassure our colleagues, customers and suppliers that it's business as usual."

Sainsbury's bought Argos from Home Retail Group in 2016 for £1.1billion. It was in talks to sell off the retailer to JD Sports last year but the deal fell through.

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AstraZeneca	12668	-	52
Aviva	694¼	-	1 ½
BAE Systems	2092	+	42
BP	550¼	+	7 ¼
BT Group	202¼	-	1 ½
Barclays	510	-	0 ¾
Barratt Redrow	293¼	-	1 ¾
Bco Santander SA	1050	-	4
British American Tob*	4583	+	17
British Land	440½	-	3 ¼
Bunzl	2808	+	12
Burberry Group	1202½	+	8 ½
Compass	2354¾	-	23 ¾
Currys	169¼	+	1
Diageo	1641	-	2 ½
Drax Group	734	-	11
Experian	2808	-	90
FirstGroup*	183½	-	0 ¼
Frasers Group	809½	-	1 ½
GSK	1928	-	12
Greggs	1868	-	164
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IMI	2924	-	22
ITV	75	-	0 ¼
Imperial Brands	2816	-	26
InterCont Hotels	11971	-	15 ½
Intl Consol. Airlines	432¼	-	6 ¼
Johnson Matthey*	2002	+	2
Kingfisher	310¼	+	0 ¾
Legal&General	300½	+	0 ½
Lloyds Banking Gp	115¼	-	0 ¼
LSE Grp	8471	-	135
Man Group	303½	-	9 ½
Marks & Spencer	406½	-	2 ¾
Mitch & Butlers	277½	-	2 ½
Mitie Group*	207¼	-	0 ¾
Mobico Group	24¼	-	2 ¼
Mothercare	1	-	
NatWest Group	712	+	28 ¼
National Grid	1190½	+	6
News Corp A	2045	-	31 ½
News Corp B	2315½	-	155¾
Next*	14880	-	360
Pennon*	460¾	-	3 ¾
Persimmon	1111½	+	0 ½
Prudential	1116½	-	18 ½
Rank Group	96½	-	3 ¾
Reckitt Benckiser	5226	-	74
Rentokil	347¼	-	4 ¾
Rightmove	464	+	7
Rio Tinto Ltd	8902	+	116¾
Rolls-Royce	1467	+	4
SSE*	2342	-	5
Sainsbury's	362¼	+	6 ¾
Segro	961	-	5 ½
Severn Trent	3020	-	8
Shell	3377	+	58
Smith&New	1159	-	29
Smiths News	73	-	0 ½
Standard Chartered	2191	-	25
Tesco	489	-	2 ¾
The Sage Grp	975¼	+	8
Unilever	4737½	-	112½
United Utilities*	1380	-	
Vanquis Banking Gp	78¾	-	6 ½
Vesuvius	370¼	+	5 ¼
Vodafone	118¼	-	1 ¼
WH Smith	435¾	-	9 ¼

* = ex dividend

APPLE SHARES TUMBLE

APPLE shares fell by nine per cent yesterday after the tech giant warned it faced chip supply problems.

The firm's revenue and iPhone sales were both better than forecast in its earnings report this week.

But it said it expected a "significant hit" from the growing supply constraints, which included a shortage of key chip components for its Mac computers, iPhones and iPads.

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NATWEST AND RBS REDUCE CASHBACK

BOTH NatWest and RBS are cutting the amount of cashback they offer.

From October 1, their Reward Account customers will no longer earn £1 a month just for logging into their mobile banking app.

The cashback you can get with these accounts will drop from £36 a year to £24 a year. Currently, both accounts charge a monthly fee of £2 but you can earn £5 in rewards.

From October, though, customers will only be able to earn £4 a month in cashback by paying out two or more direct debits worth at least £2 each. You will still be able to claim these rewards as cash, a gift card or charity donation.

If you have a NatWest or RBS Premier Reward account, you will also lose the £1 monthly reward for logging into the app from October 1.

But you'll still be able to earn £9 a month in cashback for having two direct debits worth at least £4.50 each, and earn at least one per cent cashback when you shop at partner retailers.

The account's £2 fee will remain unchanged.

ADELE COOKE

OUR EASY GUIDE TO BECOMING

WHAT is your guilty pleasure? A cheeky Nando's, a trip to the nail salon or new trainers? But what if you put that money to work instead of treating yourself?

Although putting the money into a savings account is risk-free, there is a 90 per cent chance of making more by investing in the stock market for the long-term. HOLLY MEAD tells you how to do it.

STEP ONE: Get an ISA

A STOCKS and shares ISA is an investment account where the returns you earn are tax-free. You can save £20,000 a year into them.

There are plenty to choose from, and plenty of apps and websites, such as Hargreaves Lansdown and AJ Bell, to open them through.

Many will let you start with just £1. If you want to set up a direct debit into your account, you will usually need at least £25 a month.

Check out customer reviews and pick a product with low fees.

Only invest if you have three to six months of outgoings saved up in an emergency fund and are prepared to leave your money invested for at least five years.

This is so you have time to build money back up if your investments drop after market dips.

STEP TWO: Budget

YOU can still treat yourself, the key is to budget for those guilty pleasures.

First, sit down and look at how much you spend on treats. Then set an amount you want to spend on treats per month.

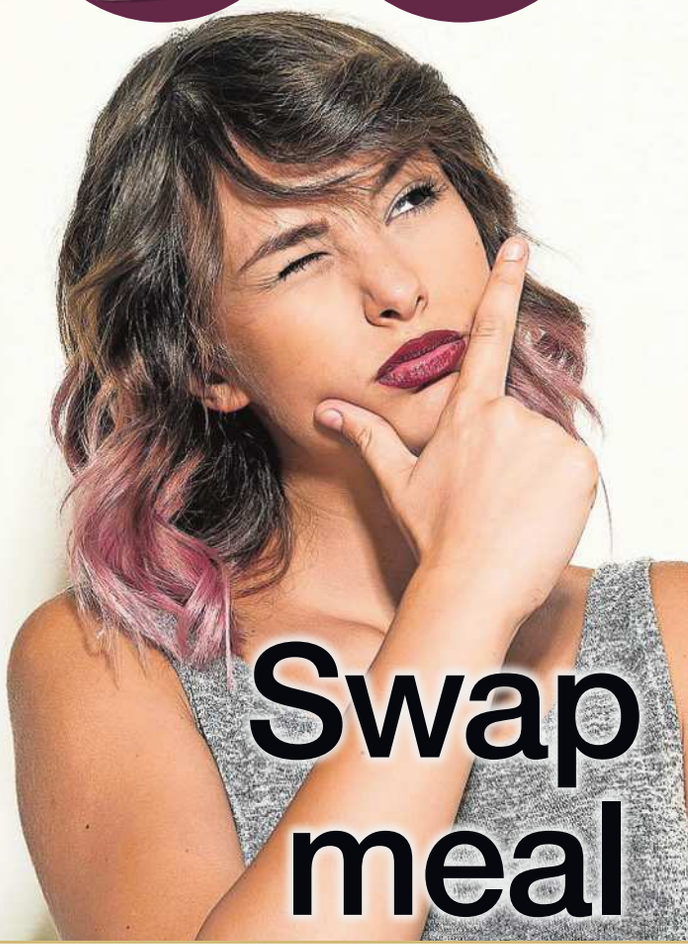
Make sure you can afford the best of both worlds – a small amount to invest **AND** for splurges.

Use an app where you can set limits on your spending. For example, Snoop lets you set spending targets and sends alerts.

STEP THREE: Go

REMEMBER, just because an investment has performed well, or badly, in the past it doesn't mean you are guaranteed the same return in the future.

Here are some potential profit options, according to figures from wealth manager 7IM . . .



money talks

By Emily Mee

SINCE when did pizza, a glass of wine and sharing a starter at a restaurant cost £37 a head?

I want to spend time with friends and have a gossip after work, but can't be paying that kind of money each week.

When I moved to London ten years ago, a meal out at a mid-range restaurant with a friend rarely cost more than £20 a head. My disposable income wasn't being squeezed so tightly by rent and bills back then, either.

Although there are still cheap places to eat in the capital, my girlfriends and I are saving cash by hosting themed hang-outs at home.

Swapping nights out for nights in seems obvious, but there's something extra fun about picking a theme or planning an activity.

Next week I'm hosting a

STAYING IN'S THE

on Saturday

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TESCO SHOPPERS TO SAVE ON FILL-UPS

TESCO is offering customers up to 8p off a litre of fuel – but you will need to be quick.

Drivers who spend £60 in store will get a coupon that will save them five per cent off the cost of filling their tank.

People need to have made a purchase in store before August 16 and redeem the coupon at one of Tesco's 500 branded forecourts before August 23.

The deal would save a shopper with a 60-litre family car up to £4.80.

The maximum discount you can claim is £10 and you must spend at least £1 on fuel to get it.

To use the coupon, print it and present it at the kiosk.

You cannot claim it via Pay at Pump, unmanned petrol stations or at Tesco Express stores selling Esso fuel.

The news comes after the RAC warned petrol prices are creeping back towards 160p a litre due to rising tensions in the Middle East. Diesel is not behind at 180p a litre.

Oil prices this week climbed above $100 a barrel for the first time since May.

ADELE COOKE

A 'GUILTY PLEASURE' INVESTOR

SWAP MANICURES FOR L'OREAL SHARES
PROFIT: £60

GOING on holiday? Got a party to go to? There is always an occasion for a new set of nails but getting them done can cost £40 a pop.

If you went to the salon four times a year, that is £160. If you had put that money into shares of the beauty giant L'Oreal over three years you would have just slightly more at £483. But invest it for five years and your £800 would have grown to £860, a profit of £60. That's enough to buy some nail polish.

SWAP FRIDAY TAKEAWAY FOR FTSE
PROFIT: £349

EVERYONE loves a cheeky Nando's. You can't buy shares in it because it is a private company.

But if you stashed £25 a month – enough for a takeaway – into the UK stock market, the FTSE 100, instead, you'd have invested £900 over three years.

And your pot would have grown to £1,249 – a £349 profit. The FTSE 100 is home to huge firms such as Unilever, HSBC and M&S.

SWAP MACCY D FOR McSHARES
PROFIT: Up to £169

SPENDING £15 a fortnight at the golden arches racks up to £390 a year. But what if you bought shares in the company instead?

If you had invested £390 a year in the burger giant for the past three years, you would have put in £1,170 and now have £1,158 which is a loss of £12. Although if you had invested over five years, you could have put in £1,950 and you would now have £2,119 – a profit of £169.

Investing in individual stocks is riskier as you rely on the fortunes of one company to grow your money.

You could consider a fund instead. This is a bit like a shopping basket full of different investments.

The Vanguard FTSE All-World ETF invests in more than 3,700 companies. Spreading money across different stocks is known as diversification and can be a good strategy because it means that if one of the shares takes a dip, others that have performed better should offset losses to give you steady, long-term returns.

If you had invested your £390 a year into this fund for the past three years, you would now have £1,520, a profit of £35, although over five years, you would have £2,888, a profit of £938.

SWAP NEW TRAINERS FOR FRASERS SHARES
PROFIT: £142

WE all love new trainers, but do you need a second or third pair?

Try putting that money instead into Frasers Group, which owns Sports Direct. If you had invested £100 a year over three years, you would now have £442.

Frasers Group owns high street stalwarts including Game, House Of Fraser and Evans Cycles, which means investors in the stock are not just relying on the fortunes of one chain for their returns.

In its latest company results, Frasers said UK Sports, the division which includes Sports Direct, had seen profits increase by 17.6 per cent to £559million over the past year.

SWAP ONLINE SHOP FOR AMAZON SHARES
PROFIT: £629

SAY you spend £50 on Amazon every month. Investing that in Amazon shares for three years instead would add up to £1,800. But your pot would now be worth £2,429 – a £629 profit. One of the world's biggest firms, Amazon's first-quarter profits this year were up 30 per cent on the same period in 2025.

your Big Mac for McShares

THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

FIND MISSING PENSION POTS

CHECK if you have lost track of a pension pot.

Scottish Widows has just launched a new feature to help reunite people with their retirement money.

Around 3.3million UK pension pots are considered lost, which means their owner has forgotten about a holding or lost touch with the provider.

Each one is worth an average of £9,470, says Pensions UK.

To help solve the problem, Scottish Widows has integrated the Pension Tracing Service within its app, so you can track down a lost pension in a few clicks. You'll need to enter your previous employer's name and your employment dates, or the pension provider – and once you've submitted all your details, you can track the pot's progress in the app.

If you have multiple lost pension pots, you could save on fees if you consolidate them.

Just ensure you aren't losing out on any benefits by combining your pots. If you have a defined benefit pension that guarantees you an income for life, for example, keep it separate.

EMILY MEE

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ADMIRAL SUNK DREAM BREAK DUE TO CANCER

Q IN October, I took out an annual travel insurance policy with Admiral.

I have high blood pressure and was in remission after having breast cancer three years ago so I declared these in my application.

Then, in January, I booked a holiday to travel in June.

But at the end of April, I found my breast cancer had come back on the same side that I had a mastectomy.

The hospital said I needed to call Admiral and let it know I was on the list for additional surgery.

Once I'd notified Admiral, I thought it would update my policy but instead it cancelled my cover altogether.

I asked Admiral to reconsider but it said no so I was forced to cancel my trip because I was no longer insured.

To get another policy I would have had to declare my diagnosis as a pre-existing condition to another insurer, which would have made things very expensive.

I got the money for the trip back from Admiral and it gave me a £21 refund, which it said was for the unused policy.

But I don't understand the reason for taking out insurance if the policy can just be cancelled.

Is there anything you can do about this?

ELAINE LUMLEY, via email

A You did everything right by declaring your previous diagnosis as a pre-existing condition when you took out the policy and told Admiral your cancer had returned.

It must feel frustrating that your cover was cancelled, but insurers are allowed to do this if your circumstances change.

When I contacted Admiral on your behalf, though, it did admit its customer service fell short in your case.

It should have asked you if you had been given a date for the surgery.

And although it is not obliged to do so, the insurer said it should also have offered you alternatives, including help to make a claim if you decided to cancel your holiday.

Or, if you did travel, it should have helped you claim for alternative insurance costs or given you the details of a specialist insurer.

Admiral has now given you £100 compensation and sent some flowers.

I hope you will be able to enjoy your trip once your treatment is complete.

money maker

YOU might be used to saving year-round for Christmas, but Kelly Miles is doing the same for her summer holiday.

The 33-year-old mum of two has saved £1,200 in the past year by putting £100 a month into a holiday pot.

Kelly and her partner Cameron, also 33, who is a quality assurance manager, are now planning to take their young family on holiday to Turkey this summer.

The couple, from Portsmouth, whose household income is £4,000 a month, spend £1,245 of that on rent and £2,500 on outgoings.

In order to treat their children – Jensen, 12, and Lilah, ten – to the £3,000 trip abroad, Kelly and Cameron have sacrificed beauty treatments, TV subscriptions and takeaways.

Kelly says: "We don't really eat out very often – we cook everything within a £400 food budget each month."

The charity worker used to get her nails and eyebrows done regularly, which could cost up to £150 a month.

But to save money, Kelly has now cut those treatments out entirely, and only gets her hair done once every six months, at a cost of £150 a time.

The family has also stopped paying out around £50 a month for telly subscriptions to Netflix, Prime Video, Disney Plus and HBO.

Now they just have Netflix, which costs £5.99 a month.

Kelly says: "There's a lot of talk around budgeting for Christmas, but actually, the summer holidays are almost as expensive."

EMILY MEE

NEW GOING OUT

Mexican night, where we'll make our own margaritas and fajitas. I estimate that a bottle of tequila, cocktail ingredients and enough food for three of us will cost about £9 each – or £27 in total.

I won't ask my friends for any money as they regularly host me in return. In February, I went to a friend's for Galentines then, a few weeks later, another friend invited me to her house to try her vodka pasta recipe.

On those two evenings I didn't spend a penny.

If I'd spent £37 at a restaurant on all three nights, I would have forked out £111 – so my nights in have saved me around £84.

Nights in also make it easier for us to catch up without the added pressure to buy a dessert or a coffee if we want to stay longer.

Meals out feel like more of a treat now – but that doesn't have to mean seeing friends less.

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DAY 10: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
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LAST-minute holidays are booming.

Bookings have jumped 26 per cent in the past year, and those made within two days of travel are up 19 per cent.

Hotspots include Majorca, Tenerife, Antalya in Turkey, Costa Blanca and Ibiza, with all-inclusives making up 41 per cent of next-day breaks.

Loveholidays' Al Murray said: "The traditional booking window is evolving, and the idea you should have your summer holiday booked months in advance is becoming less of a rule than it once was.

"More holidaymakers are swapping months of planning for spontaneous getaways.''

See loveholidays.com.

EASYJET is launching a new tracker device to help parents keep tabs on their kids' possessions while on holiday.

The **FREE** Teddy Tracker can be collected at airport bag-drop desks, while stocks last, by passengers flying from London Gatwick, Manchester, Edinburgh and Belfast this summer.

Launched in partnership with family location safety app Life360, it can be attached to prized items, such as toys.

It can then be followed via an app on parents' smartphones to make sure belongings do not get lost, spoiling getaways.

PUNTERS will be pouring their own pints at Butlin's this summer.

The resort operator has become the first in Europe to launch self-service bars, at its resorts in Bognor Regis, Minehead and Skegness. There will be more than 100 across the three resorts and it is hoped this will cut waiting times for customers.

They will be able to pick from more than 20 drink options, including draught beers, ciders, cocktails, spirits and mixers; brands such as Madri, Guinness and Smirnoff; and soft drinks.

See butlins.com.

HOMELY . . . bar area

THE HOSTE ARMS, Burnham Market, Norfolk

WHAT'S IT LIKE? This posh pub with rooms in North Norfolk's so-called "Chelsea-on-Sea'' offers real coastal glamour. Inside, it's all leather sofas, wooden beams and warm lighting with an antique clock above a large fireplace and paintings of fossils, fish and seashells lining the oak-panelled walls.

check in... check it out

ROOMS ANY GOOD? There are 47 boutique bedrooms, each of which has a rainfall shower and Nespresso coffee machine.

All have their own unique touches – mine had a standing bathtub directly opposite the grand four-poster bed.

Bathrooms are spacious and stocked with Bramley products that have a fresh, herbal scent.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? At breakfast, pick from classics such as a full English or eggs Benedict, plus you can grab tasty extras from the buffet table.

For lunch and dinner, there are fancy versions of pub favourites like a Ploughman's Platter and cider-battered fish and chips. Fancy a pudding? Go for the classic apple and rhubarb crumble.

WHAT ELSE? The 17th-century pub sits smack-bang on Burnham Market's renowned high street, where you can have a nose in high-end clothing, interior and hat shops.

Pop to the next village, Burnham Overy Staithe, to go wild swimming in the saltmarshes and creeks. On a rainy day, head into The Hoste's own private cinema.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? The Hoste is a brilliant base for exploring the North Norfolk coast in the summer, but it's equally alluring to book ahead for a winter hideaway.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? Rooms start at £104 per night. See thehostearms.com.

JENNA STEVENS

STYLISH . . . bedroom

POKEMON PLUS BRICKS EQUALS KID HEAVEN

FUN . . . Caroline and son enjoy rides and character meets

So much to do at Legoland you can Pik 'n' chuse

AS the mum of a seven-year-old boy, I think the two most-used words in my household are Pokemon and Lego.

So excitement was off the scale on a trip to Legoland Windsor's second annual Lego Festival, featuring their new Pokemon Trainer attraction.

The festival, billed as the "ultimate celebration of play'' – has five zones across the park, where you complete activities to earn stamps on a card.

Get three of the five stamps and earn a prize at the end of the day.

We created our own race car in the new F1 Brick Stop Challenge and added our own flower to the new garden in the Chill Zone.

But our favourite task was the Pokemon Play Zone – a 15-minute attraction where kids get their own interactive Lego Pokemon character to feed and take into battle. At the end, you can also make your own Poke Ball out of Lego to take home.

The festival showcases live performances, including headline act Battle Of The Bands, featuring rock and pop stars.

I'm a big fan of the seasonal offerings that Legoland puts on throughout the year and the Brick Or Treat Halloween attraction is unmissable in October. We always fit so much in that we are too knackered to fully appreciate Miniland on the way out to the car, so I've resolved to make the miniature towns and cities our first stop during our next visit.

GO: LEGOLAND WINDSOR

TICKETS: Lego Festival is at Legoland Windsor until August 31, tickets from £29.75 at legoland.co.uk.

STAYING THERE: One night's B&B at the Legoland Resort Hotel is from £340, based on a family of four sharing in September. Includes breakfast, early access to the park and day tickets.

The theme park's rides are also awesome. Flying theatre ride Flight Of The Sky Lion is my favourite, and Driving School is still a must for kids, despite dating from 1996.

But what makes Legoland stand out is the attention to detail in every corner of the park.

From the moment you start up Legoland Drive, where the Lego figurines spell out a scrambled version of "Welcome", to the excellent Miniland countries (which a team of five maintain full-time), there is something everywhere to marvel at. I also love the permanent creative zones around the park, designed to let kids build when they need a break from rollercoasters.

While most theme parks focus on the biggest and best rides, Legoland manages to prioritise both entertaining kids and encouraging them to entertain themselves.

That said, these are my favourite five rides for ages five to ten . . .

As I've said, Flight Of The Sky Lion is mindblowingly good. If you are going to use a fast pass on anything, make it this. It is also not scary – any child aged four and over should be fine.

Dance parties

Minifigure Speedway is a duelling rollercoaster – with two separate tracks where cars race forward and backward past each other – that is one of the park's newest rides and aimed at pleasing tweens. My seven-year-old still won't go near it.

Driving School is an oldie but a goodie – kids love being given the freedom to drive themselves solo around their own road circuit.

Coastguard HQ is right next to Driving School and perfect if your child is too young to handle their own car, as this lets them drive a boat around a lake while you accompany them. The Dragon is an excellent starter rollercoaster for kids, with some decent drops and a few twists and turns, but it is easy enough not to terrify anyone while scary enough to make young 'uns feel they have braved something big.

Of course, most of these rides also have the biggest queues.

Fortunately, on our visit we were staying at the on-site Legoland Resort Hotel, which gave us early access to the park.

Guests can go on a number of rides, including Flight Of The Sky Lion and Coastguard HQ, from 9.30am – 30 minutes before the public opening.

The hotel lays on plenty of added extras for guests, from the Lego in the lobby to character meet-and-greets at breakfast, and evening dance parties.

Our room got full marks for fun, too, with a treasure hunt and Lego prize, along with a Lego build zone.

In fact, it is a miracle I got my son out in time for our 9.30am start. But the lure of becoming a Pokemon Trainer was too strong.

If only I could use that trick every morning once school restarts.

CAROLINE McGUIRE

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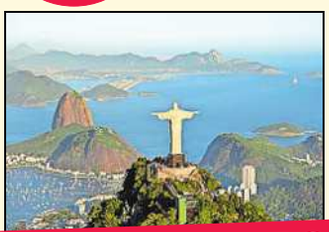
ON THE ROAD . . . Nadia explores Ibiza on a moped

PARTY PEOPLE . . . dance at one of the island's clubs

DREAM BIG . . . Junior Suite at The Site

Go clubbing in Ibiza and enjoy the Balearic eats

OUR Spotlight On column shines a light on the best things to see and do in popular holiday destinations, as well as some lesser known spots. As Brazil sees a record number of British tourists flocking to the country in 2026, this week we've set our sights on Rio de Janeiro.



RIO DE JANEIRO

MUST SEE/DO: Hop in a taxi and head over to the district of Santa Teresa, nicknamed Little Lisbon. The resemblance to the Portuguese capital comes from the quaint yellow tram that runs the length of it, past independent shops and cafes. Street art brings colour to the roads, as do traders hawking Brazilian football shirts, and rogue monkeys swinging through the trees. Order delicious acai bowls and *pao de queijo*, a cheesy bread, at Cultivar for a true Brazilian breakfast.

HIDDEN GEM: One of the famous Brazilian clothing brands is Farm Rio – but one store has a hidden rooftop that few people know about. Casa Farm rooftop is set across four floors but go to the top and you will get an amazing view of the beautiful Green Lagoon and Christ the Redeemer – without the crowds.

BEST VIEW: You can't visit Rio without going to see the giant Christ the Redeemer hilltop statue – one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Make sure to check the weather before you go, though. Any fog up there and you'll only see half the man, but this imposing landmark will still leave you in awe. Then head over to Sugarloaf Mountain for equally fantastic views – two different cable cars will take you up to the 1,299ft summit. A Rio Express tour including Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain is from £70. See tuimusement.com.

RATED RESTAURANT: Make the most of Rio's beautiful golden sands by eating at Tropik Beach Club, on Copacabana Beach. Tuck in to hearty bowls of shrimp rice and fresh ceviche, accompanied by a local caipirinha cocktail and live music as the sun sets. If you feel peckish on your walk home, try to catch one of the nearby street vendors for a bag of *biscoito globo* – a strangely moreish cassava beach snack.

BEST BAR: For a good night out, join the locals in the neighbourhood of Botafogo. One of the most popular bars is Casa Tao Longe, in the Tao Perto neighbourhood, which serves local Brazilian wines. For something a bit finer, head around to Belisco Bar de Vinhos, which also serves Chilean and Argentinian wine.

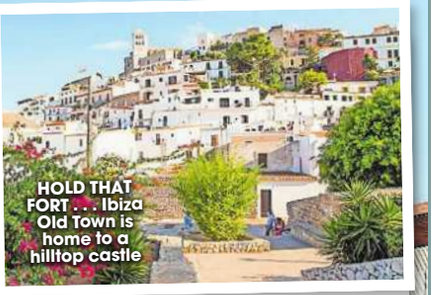
HOTEL PICK: The Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana couldn't be better placed, straddling both Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. Its rooftop infinity pool has a great snack menu and there are live DJs. The rooms are simple but classy, and many have seaview balconies. Stays at Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana start from £277, based on two sharing on a room-only basis. See fairmont.com.

KARA GODFREY

QUAINT . . . yellow tram in Santa Teresa

CHILDREN AND FOOD

MAST SEE . . . Nadia enjoys view of yachts


HOLD THAT FORT . . . Ibiza Old Town is home to a hilltop castle

PARTY animals will quickly tell you there are two fiercely different sides to Ibiza.

Visitors to the holiday hotspot either descend for wild nights of debauchery at the hardcore superclubs or they are doing sunrise yoga and sipping green juices at high-priced wellness retreats.

Then there are people like me, who fancy the idea of dabbling in a little bit of both – and want to bring the kids along, too.

Luckily, all that is possible thanks to the arrival of the achingly cool hotel, Bless Ibiza The Site, which opened in June.

One of two Bless hotels on the beautiful Balearic island, the sprawling 5★ resort is in the action-packed region of Playa D'en Bossa.

Less than a ten-minute hop from the airport, it is within easy reach of the traditional restaurants of the Old Town and some of the island's famous nightclubs.

The best thing about it, though, is not its location. It's that, unless you want to dance the night away, you do not need to leave the hotel.

The vibe is pure Ibiza: glamorous without trying too hard, stylish without taking itself too seriously, and well-equipped for sun-soaked days – and, of course, those famous late-night adventures.

And then there's the delicious food, which is just the cherry on the ultra-decadent cake.

With six excellent restaurants on site, effortlessly chic cocktail bars, and views that made my phone camera work overtime, this resort really had predicted my every whim.

Plunge pools

Children are well catered for, too, from the chocolate fountain – which sent them nuts at the breakfast buffet – to a fun-packed kids' club where the activities extend well beyond the normal sporting fodder to quirky things like pasta making and pottery.

An army of professional nannies are also on hand to offer late-night babysitting in case Mum and Dad want to stay out past bedtime.

And, of course, there's ample opportunity to do that.

Less than a 20-minute drive away is UNVRS – the largest club in the world, which only opened last year with a big promotion from superstar actor Will Smith.

There's also the luxurious beach club Playa Soleil less than a ten-minute walk along the shore, which stays open until 3am most days and 4am on Saturdays.

But why splash extra cash when the hotel has its very own buzzing Palm Club?

Plush loungers are surrounded by tropical greenery, free for guests to use, or you can shell out for Balinese day beds or a private cabana, and cool off in the pool, which boasts a swim-up bar.

If you have had one too many margaritas the day before, the antidote is the resort's spa where the treatments are accompanied by a relaxing water circuit.

While typical partygoers may not prioritise a good night's kip, I do.

And let me tell you, each of the ultra-comfy 466 rooms will ensure you sleep soundly. All are spacious and elegantly decorated – and some are even spread over two floors with private plunge pools.

The highlight of this plush resort, however, is undoubtedly the food.

Ibiza is not short of excellent dining options. It is home to three restaurants that have one Michelin star, as well as traditional fincas, serving up properly authentic grub in a rustic setting.

But you will find some of the best grub on the island right here at Bless Ibiza The Site.

My favourite (although it was a tough call) was Coya – a hip sea-front Peruvian restaurant, which is an offshoot of the swanky celeb hangout in London.

Every table has a sea view from its perch on the sand and the mellow beats from the nearby DJ give the place a buzz.

Vibrant and fresh dishes include guacamole (which is whipped up tableside) and delicate seabass ceviche, washed down with a sangria that was dangerously delicious.

Our leisurely lunch here stretched into the early evening, and even though Bless is slap-bang between two of the island's most iconic nightclubs, Ushuaia and Hi, I was far more tempted to stay put and watch the sun set from the hotel's chic rooftop bar.

Cloud 9 has a collaboration with one of the world's 50 best bars, Handshake Speakeasy, and it doesn't do things by halves.

Despite mean competition, this spot has clawed its way right to the top of visitors' wish lists thanks to an enviable drinks menu featuring classics with a twist.

Try the clarified piña colada, made with aged brandy, pineapple, coconut and micro-coriander, which has a clear and thin consistency – nothing like the thick and heavy traditional version you might expect.

If you are more of a daytime drinker, there's also the gorgeous Lobito de Mar, where pitchers of champagne sangria are paired with traditional Spanish seafood dishes and delivered straight to your sun-lounger.

Or dine at Tatel, a more formal spot, or Leña – an elegant steakhouse that will draw you in with rich, buttery smells wafting from the wood-fired oven.

If money really is no object, head for Sublimotion by Paco Roncero.

This place is more of a performance than a meal, with room for just one table seating up to 12 guests – it definitely is one of the hottest tickets in town.

After visiting, I was so fit to burst that even the booms from the notorious nightclubs couldn't drag me out of my food coma.

Perhaps a sunrise yoga session instead?

This really is the best of both worlds.

NADIA COHEN

GO: IBIZA

GETTING THERE: Jet2 flies from London Luton to Ibiza from £53 return. See jet2.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at Bless Ibiza The Site are from around £225 per night on a room-only basis. See blesscollectionhotels.com and thesiteibiza.com/en.

MORE than one million Brits could be barred from entering countries such as France, Greece and Spain this summer because their passports are not valid.

A study for Compare the Market found 705,000 UK passports have less than three months' validity remaining, while over 347,000 were issued ten-plus years ago.

Countries in the EU Schengen area require non-EU passports – such as those from the UK – to have been issued a decade before the start of the trip and to have an expiry date at least three months after the return.

While these UK passports may still be technically valid, many countries now have extra requirements, making it important to check the precise entry rules well in advance of departure.

ROCK STAR . . . Stonehenge

STAND in Stonehenge alone for free with this special offer from English Heritage.

Anyone who books an advance ticket to the Neolithic site in Wiltshire this August will be entered into a daily prize draw.

Each day's winner, along with their party, will be given exclusive time inside the 5,000-year-old stone circle from 9am to 9.30am, with no other visitors present.

A spokeswoman said: "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stand within the ancient stones with no one else around, soaking up the atmosphere and spirituality of this remarkable place."

A breakfast roll and hot drink will also be provided. See english-heritage.org.uk/stonehenge.

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news

YOUNG jetsetters are getting a healthier start to their holidays, thanks to No1 Lounges.

The independent operator at airports has launched a My Little Loungers Picnic Box, containing a selection of fruit and veg-based snacks in a travel-friendly pack.

The grab-and-go boxes – suitable for kids aged two to seven – also come with a mini colouring pad and pencils, plus the brand's teddy, Mylo. The boxes are free with advance My Lounge bookings in August.

Boss Sharon Jevans said: "Travelling with kids can be exciting, but it can also come with plenty of juggling for parents. The My Little Loungers Picnic Box is all about making those first moments of a holiday easier and more enjoyable." See no1lounges.com.

lates

MALTA: Seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Ramla Bay Resort in Mellieha is from £659pp including flights from Liverpool on August 29. To book, see thomascook.com.

NORTHUMBERLAND: Five nights' self-catering at Crescent Cottage near Hadrian's Wall is from £89pp, based on five sharing. See sykescottages.co.uk.

AMSTERDAM: Three nights' room-only at the 4★ Zaan Hotel Amsterdam Zaandam is from £192pp including flights from Southend on August 30. See easyjet.com/en/holidays.

IBIZA: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 3★ AzuLine Hotel Bergantin is from £849pp including flights from Bristol on August 30. For more details, see jet2holidays.com.

EASTBOURNE: Four nights' half-board at the Imperial Hotel is from £324pp, based on two sharing and arriving on August 9. Self-drive or coach pick-up options available. See daishs.com.

SUMMER may still be sizzling – but if you like to plan ahead, get a bargain break for the 2027 season as part of easyJet's Big Seat Release.

Nearly 14million flights from 22 UK airports are now available between June 14 and September 26 next year, starting from £22.99 one-way. Thousands of package deals are also on offer at easyJet holidays. See easyJet.com.

VISIT GAME OF THRONES' NORTHERN IRELAND LOCATIONS

GREY DAY . . . Theon Greyjoy in scene filmed at Ballintoy Harbour

CARN-AGE . . . Carnlough Harbour steps crawled up by wounded Arya

STARK CONTRAST. . . Castle Ward and, *inset*, as Winterfell in show

VALE OF A TIME . . . Sansa Stark and Petyr Baelish in hills at Galboly

DOG DAYS . . . Ned Stark finds direwolf pups in very first episode of TV drama, *above*, filmed in Tollymore Forest, *main*

You've GoT to see this

THEY say you should never meet your heroes . . . but I can heartily recommend meeting your villains.

At the Night With The Knights special event near Belfast, a crowd of Game Of Thrones fans joined a Q&A session with actors Ian Beattie (sadistic Kingsguard Ser Meryn Trant), Dominic Carter (weaselly Ser Janos Slynt) and Ian McElhinney (noble Ser Barristan Selmy).

Beattie stole the show with hilarious, sweary anecdotes about his time on the HBO fantasy series, with Ed Sheeran the target of some choice barbs.

But all three were amusing and gracious, posing for photos, signing autographs and coming round to chat during our dinner.

It was my first time at the GoT Studio Tour – which is planning more events with stars – and, as a megafan, I was not disappointed with all the costumes, weapons and sets.

Highlights were being able to scan my mug into the Hall of Faces, which Arya Stark's assassins used to disguise themselves, posing with the giant Wun Wun and, of course, sitting on the coveted Iron Throne.

Our evening was just one stop on a five-day tour of film and TV locations in Northern Ireland.

We'd started in Londonderry, home to Channel 4 comedy Derry Girls, spotting a giant mural featuring the five hellraising teens and visiting an exhibition showcasing a few sets and props.

From there, we travelled east around the coast, and in fair weather there are few places that can rival the scenery. It's easy to see why Northern Ireland is so attractive for filmmakers.

The route was packed with superb locations for memorable Thrones scenes, including:

Downhill Beach – the clifftop temple where Red Priestess Melisandre burned heretics.

Portstewart – where Jaime Lannister and Bronn encounter the Sand Snakes in Dorne.

Dunluce Castle – Greyjoys' home Pyke, with help from CGI.

Ballintoy Harbour – where Theon Greyjoy meets sister Yara, and the neighbouring bay, where he is baptised for the Drowned God.

Carnlough Harbour steps – where Arya Stark crawls to safety after her battle with the Waif.

Hidden Village of Galboly – which doubles as the Vale of Arryn.

Cairncastle's hills – where Ned Stark beheads a deserter in the first episode.

The film scenery isn't restricted to GoT, as the clifftop ruins at Dunseverick Castle were used for the live-action remake of How To Train Your Dragon. At the centre of Glenarm Castle's walled gardens, you can see areas used to film Dungeons & Dragons: Honour Among Thieves, and Thrones spin-off A Knight Of The Seven Kingdoms.

Nearby, in Glenarm village, is Steensons jewellers, which made many of the pieces used in GoT, then it was on to Carrickfergus Castle, a key location for Dungeons & Dragons.

I'd recommend having a guide – not just to get to the right places, but because locals love a good chinwag. You'll probably hear stories about the cast and crew (occasionally indiscreet, such as the actress despised by fellow thesps, or which actor appeared naked in a hotel lobby), and they are proud to show off their country.

Next stop Belfast, with locations for some of my other favourite non-fantasy TV series including Line Of Duty, which was shooting its seventh season while we were there, the Botanic Gardens where The Fall's sexy serial killer, played by Jamie Dornan, stalks his victims, and Crumlin Road Gaol, now used for tours and filming.

We stayed in a different hotel every night and not a dud among them, but highlights were Harbourview in Carnlough, a destination whiskey property, and Slieve Donard in Newcastle, with an opulent pool.

South of Belfast we were back into the wild at Castle Ward, which served as the Starks' seat of Winterfell and features the courtyard where Ned Stark taught his children archery, the stable where Tyrion Lannister romped with brothel beauties, and the window from which Jaime Lannister pushed Bran Stark.

Further around Strangford Lough is Audley's Castle, a 15th-century tower that doubled (literally, as CGI was used to create two) as The Twins, treacherous Walder Frey's stronghold.

Finally, at mystical Tollymore Forest, GoT scenes here include the creek where the direwolf pups are found, and where Arya hides from the Gold Cloaks.

Most bone-chilling, though, was the glade where Thrones' opening scene was shot, where Night's Watch rangers encounter a pit containing dismembered corpses that are not as dead as they appear.

So our tour's end had brought us to the start, which just made me want to binge-watch it all again.

To paraphrase Jaime Lannister, the things we do for love of TV . . .

JAYME BRYLA

GREAT KNIGHT OUT . . . Jayme meets actor Ian Beattie. *Inset*, Ian with Lena Headey in show. *Top*, Derry Girls mural

GO: N IRELAND

GETTING THERE: EasyJet flies from Birmingham to Belfast from £18.49 each way. See easyjet.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at The Walled City Hotel cost from £87 per night. See walledcityhotel.com. Rooms at The Harbourview Hotel cost from £120 per night. See theharbourviewhotel.com. Rooms at The Bedford Hotel cost from £199 per night. See thebedfordhotelbelfast.com. Rooms at Slieve Donard Hotel cost from £188 per night. See marineandlawn.com/slievedonard.

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Dr Michael Ho

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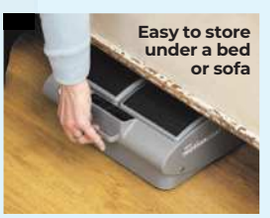

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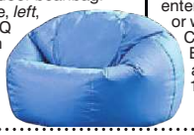

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LEARN!

Q FOR the last three years, the leaves of my phlox plants have been getting eaten. I've sprayed them and put slug pellets down. But what is the culprit?
ANGELA BOWMAN, via email

A An adult vine weevil is most likely. The problem is the larvae, which stay underground and feed on plant roots. Buy beneficial nematodes (Steinernema kraussei) and water them into the soil during late summer to target the larvae. As for the adults, hand pick them at night.

This week's JOB

CUT back lavender once the flowers fade, pick tomatoes, dig up second early and main-crop potatoes, start thinking about ordering autumn flowering bulbs.

DROP-IN FUN FOR FAMILIES

FANCY taking the kids to a gardening workshop? Try these . . .

- **Seedlings Summer Rooftop Gardening: Weekly drop-in every Thursday to August 28 at Ty Pawb, Market Street, Wrexham.**
- **Brick Explorers at RHS Hyde Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, until August 31.**
- **Dobbies Garden Centres: Little Seedlings Club drop-in sessions. Check dobbies.com.**
- **National Trust's Summer of Play (with Pokemon): Daily until September 6 at hundreds of properties.**
- **Urban Jungle Family Fridays throughout August at Chelsea Physic Garden in London.**
- **It's also worth checking the British Garden Centres and Blue Diamond Garden Centres websites to find out what your local centre is up to.**

GET THEM OUTSIDE PLANTING

MAKING MEMORIES . . . Lee with daughter Olive

Keep the kids grounded...

WE'RE knee-deep in the school summer holidays and if you're anything like me, you'll be exhausted.

You might also be out of ideas for keeping the kids entertained – and off their screens and out of the snack cupboard.

You can solve all three problems by getting them outside gardening.

Data from countless studies shows it not only boosts their mental health and helps the fight against childhood obesity, it also makes them eat more vegetables.

Children's gardening ambassador Lee Connelly has fought long and hard to get the Government to include the pastime as part of the national curriculum.

He told me: "Gardening gives children something that's becoming increasingly rare – uninterrupted time with family.

"Away from screens and the distractions of modern life, a garden becomes a place where conversations happen naturally. You spend time together and real memories are made.

"I've seen this not only through my work with thousands of schoolchildren, but with my own daughter.

"Some of our happiest moments have been sowing seeds, watering plants and celebrating the first flower or harvest together.

"The plants are wonderful, but they're not the greatest reward. The real win is the stronger bond we've grown."

You don't need to spend a fortune to keep kids happy in the garden, either. Try these ideas . . .

1. **Quick salads:** Sow radishes, cress or salad leaves as they sprout in days and will give kids a massive sense of achievement.
2. **Celery heart trick:** Cut the base off a head of celery and place the stump in water. Watch the tiny central leaves grow then move it into the ground.
3. **Supermarket spring onions:** Save the white root bases of shop-bought spring onions and get the kids to place them root down in a shallow glass of water on a windowsill. They will sprout new green tops in days and can eventually be pushed into soil.
4. **Pineapple crown:** Cut the leafy green top off a fresh pineapple. Strip away the bottom four layers of small leaves to reveal the bare stalk base. Suspend it over a jar of water using toothpicks. Watch thick, alien-like white roots burst out before planting it in soil.
5. **Personal plant markers:** Collect smooth garden stones or old ice-lolly sticks and let the kids paint them to label your veg and herbs.
6. **Pond in a pot:** Create a miniature wetland using a large bucket. Add gravel, water, an oxygenating weed and marginal plants to attract frogs and dragonflies.

KING'S GARDEN

WINDSOR Castle has a new garden that has been transformed according to King Charles's vision.

Originally called the East Terrace Garden, the new Venus Garden draws inspiration from the petal-like pattern created by the orbit of Venus.

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PLANT of the week

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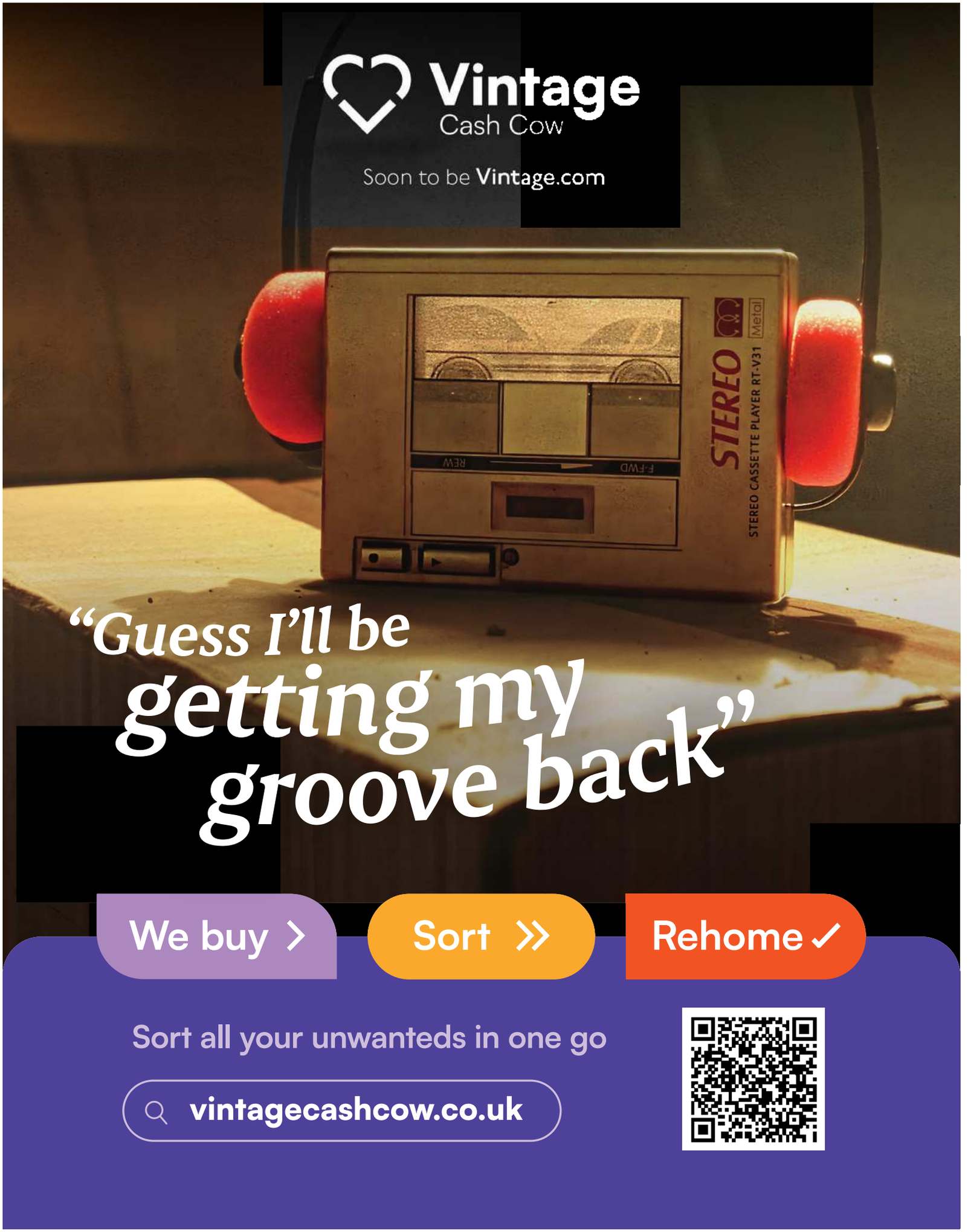
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	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Rockets	4	3	0	1	0	0.924	12
Super Giants	4	2	0	2	0	0.610	8
SunRisers	3	2	0	1	0	0.032	8
MI London	4	2	0	2	0	-0.081	8
Fire	3	2	0	1	0	-0.428	8
Spirit	3	1	0	2	0	0.120	4
Brave	4	1	0	3	0	0.002	4
Phoenix	3	1	0	2	0	-1.483	4

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Emirates Old Trafford: Trent Rockets 153-8 (100 balls, Dunkley 57, Luff 51); Manchester Super Giants 122 (93 balls, Gardner 4-16). **Trent Rockets win by 31 runs.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Brave	4	4	0	0	0	0.489	16
Rockets	4	3	0	1	0	2.076	12
Super Giants	4	2	0	1	1	0.711	10
Spirit	3	1	1	1	0	-0.970	6
SunRisers	3	1	0	2	0	0.469	4
Fire	3	1	0	2	0	0.442	4
MI London	4	0	1	3	0	-1.379	2
Phoenix	3	0	0	2	1	-3.439	2

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Canterbury: Somerset 313-9 (50.0 overs; L P Goldsworthy 87; S D Perera 75; J F Thomas 60; M E Milnes 3-53); Kent 314-8 (48.4 overs; D J Bell-Drummond 100). **Kent win by 2 wickets.**

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

Northampton: Northamptonshire 246-(45.3 overs; G A Bartlett 66; I G Holland 3-46; A M Green 3-59; A Y Patel 3-47); Leicestershire 248-2 (38.5 overs; R K Patel 115; B W M Mike 71no). **Leics win by 8 wickets.**

Gloucestershire v Surrey

Bristol: Surrey 311-5 (50.0 overs; D P Sibley 101; R J Burns 89); Gloucestershire 292 (49.0 overs; G L van Buuren 85; R B Albert 3-48). **Surrey win by 19 runs.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Lancashire	4	3	0	1	0	0.253	12
Notts	4	3	0	1	0	0.219	12
Leics	5	3	0	2	0	0.148	12
Surrey	5	3	0	2	0	0.058	12
Somerset	4	2	0	2	0	0.600	8
Kent	4	2	0	2	0	-0.382	8
Glocs	4	1	0	3	0	0.076	4
Warwicks	4	1	0	3	0	-0.503	4
Northants	4	1	0	3	0	-0.585	4

GROUP B
Derbyshire v Glamorgan

Repton: Derbyshire 315-5 (50.0 overs; B D Guest 108no; C P Jewell 84; D A Douthwaite 3-66); Glamorgan 271 (47.3 overs; A J Horton 81; Z Ul-Hassan 61; N J Potts 4-39). **Derbyshire win by 44 runs.**

Essex v Hampshire

Chelmsford: Essex 317 (49.0 overs; N R M Thain 109; G Roelofsen 52; A R Sharma 5-51); Hampshire 321-7 (47.4 overs; J K Fuller 58no; N R T Gubbins 53; T J Prest 51). **Hampshire win by 3 wickets.**

Worcestershire v Middlesex

New Road: Middlesex 293-7 (50.0 overs; J M De Caires 130); Worcs 294-6 (48.4 overs; J D Libby 109no; H J Cullen 73; N B Cornwell 3-68). **Worcs win by 4 wickets.**

Yorkshire v Durham

York: Durham 165 (48.1 overs; B M Cliff 4-38); Yorkshire 167-3 (41.0 overs; J H Wharton 68no; S M Whiteman 52no). **Yorkshire win by 7 wickets.**

	P	W	T	L	NR	RR	Pts
Yorkshire	5	4	0	1	0	0.979	16
Middlesex	4	3	0	1	0	2.183	12
Worcs	4	3	0	1	0	0.175	12
Durham	4	3	0	1	0	0.160	12
Hampshire	4	2	0	2	0	-0.487	8
Derbyshire	4	1	0	3	0	-0.191	4
Essex	4	1	0	3	0	-0.290	4
Glamorgan	5	1	0	4	0	-1.130	4
Sussex	4	1	0	3	0	-1.316	2

GOLF

AIG WOMEN'S OPEN(Lytham St Annes): **2nd Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) **- 135** H Ryu (Kor) 66 69, **136** S Kuwaki (Jpn) 66 70, **137** A Thitikul (Tha) 64 73, Y Noh (USA) 67 70, **139** Soo-Bin Joo (Kor) 70 69, **140** M Katsu (Jpn) 72 68, C Hull 69 71, L Woad 69 71, P Martin (Spa) 69 71, L Coughlin (USA) 69 71, J Yan (USA) 72 68, L Li (USA) 72 68, C Wannasaen (Tha) 68 72.

USPGA TOUR CHAMPIONS PORTUGAL INVITATIONAL (Vilamoura, Algarve): **1st Rnd** (USA unless stated) - **64** Z Johnson, **65** R Sabbatini (Svk), **66** A Cejka (Ger), P Harrington (Irl), M Lundberg (Swe), C Wi (Kor), **67** C Campbell, S Cink, D Fichardt (Rsa), D Pride, P Stankowski, B Weekley.

RALLYING

RALLY FINLAND, (Jyvaskyla): **Stage 10 -** 1 S Ogier (Fra) Toyota 1hr 3mins 47.4secs, 2 E Evans (GB) Toyota +16.3, 3 S Pajari (Fin) Toyota +26.7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

HULL K R (16) **40 BRADFORD** (10) **16**
Hull K R - Tries: Burgess (2), Broadbent, May, Litten, Davies, Minchella. Goals: Broadbent, Hampshire (2), Martin (3).
Bradford - Tries: Armitage, Wynne, Ackers. Goals: Hooley (2).

LEEDS (18) **46 TOULOUSE** (0) **0**
Leeds - Tries: Connor (2), Oledzki, Holroyd, McDonnell, Newman, Croft, Lumb. Goals: Connor (6), O'Connor.

LEIGH (8) **8 WIGAN** (6) **20**
Leigh - Tries: Senior. Goals: Cook (2).
Wigan - Tries: Field, French, Eckersley, Hodkinson. Goals: Smith (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	21	17	0	4	744	306	34
Wigan	21	16	0	5	607	383	32
Wakefield	20	15	0	5	555	340	30
Hull K R	20	13	0	7	588	339	26
Warrington	19	13	0	6	478	328	26
Leigh	21	13	0	8	466	398	26
St Helens	20	12	0	8	452	426	24
Catalans	20	9	0	11	407	589	18
Toulouse	21	7	0	14	432	544	14
Castleford	20	7	0	13	372	610	14
York	20	6	0	14	396	581	12
Bradford	21	6	0	15	382	629	12
Hull	21	5	0	16	353	463	10
Huddsfield	21	4	0	17	333	631	8

SNOOKER

SHANGHAI MASTERS (China): **Semi-finals -** J Trump (Eng) bt Y Wu (Chn) 10-6.

TENNIS

ATP MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO (Los Cabos): **Qtr-finals -** C Norrie (GB) bt B Tomic (Aus) 6-1 6-0; A Gea (Fra) bt F Cerundolo (Arg) 6-7-(11-13) 6-4 6-0; C Wong (Hkg) bt J Brooksby (USA) 6-1 7-5; D Shapovalov (Can) bt D Svrcina (Cze) 6-4 6-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

(3.0 unless stated)

CARABAO CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND
Tranmere v Rochdale.....

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Atletico Madrid v Man Utd..... **2.0**
Chelsea v Tottenham..... **10.45**
Kasimpasa v Hull.....**1.0**
Man City v Inter Milan..... **12.30**

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP
Aberdeen v Hearts..... **5.30**
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
Falkirk v St Mirren.....
(Live on Sky Sports Football)

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP
Ayr v Arbroath.....
Inverness CT v Dunfermline.....
Livingston v Queen's Park.....
Morton v Partick.....
Raith v Stenhousemuir.....

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE
Alloa v East Fife.....
Cove Rangers v Airdrie.....
East Kilbride v Queen of South.....
Montrose v Hamilton.....
Peterhead v Ross County.....

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO
Annan Athletic v Spartans.....
Clyde v Stranraer.....
Edinburgh City v Elgin.....
Forfar v Kelty Hearts.....
Stirling v Dumbarton.....

WELSH PREMIER: Cardiff Met Uni v Holywell Tn (2.30), Haverfordwest County v Airbus UK Broughton (2.30).

COMMONWEALTH GAMES (Glasgow).

CRICKET
The Hundred: Birmingham Phoenix v Welsh Fire (Edgbaston, Men 2:30pm, Women 11am), London Spirit v Southern Brave (Lord's, Men 6pm, Women 2.30pm).

GOLF (all weekend)
Rocket Classic (Detroit Golf Club).
AIG Women's Open (Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club, Lytham St Annes).
Champions Portugal Invitational (The Els Club Vilamoura, Algarve).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League (5.30)**:** Castleford v Warrington (3.0), Catalans Dragons v Wakefield (8.0), York v St Helens.
Betfred Championship (6.0)**:** Barrow v Rochdale.

SNOOKER (all weekend)
Shanghai Masters (China).
TENNIS (all weekend)
ATP & WTA Mubadala DC Open (Washington D.C).
ATP Mifel Tennis Open by Telcel Oppo (Los Cabos, Mexico).
WTA The Memphis Classic (Memphis, Tennessee).

TOMORROW

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Liverpool v Leeds..... **9.0**
Sunderland v Wrexham..... **6.0**
(Live on Premier Sports)

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP
Hibernian v Motherwell..... **4.30**
(Live on Sky Sports Football)
St Johnstone v Kilmarnock..... **2.0**
(Live on Sky Sports Football)

WELSH PREMIER: Connah's Quay Nomads v Caernarfon Tn (2.30), Penybont v The New Saints FC (2.30).

COMMONWEALTH GAMES (Glasgow).

CRICKET
Second Test Match—day 1 of 5: West Indies v Pakistan (Port of Spain, 3pm).
The Hundred: Trent Rockets v SunRisers Leeds (Trent Bridge, Men 2:30pm, Women 11am), MI London v Manchester Super Giants (The Kia Oval, Men 6pm, Women 2.30pm).
Metro Bank One-Day Cup (11am) **- Group A:** Kent v Nottinghamshire (Beckenham), Leicestershire v Somerset (Grace Road), Northamptonshire v Lancashire (Northampton), Warwickshire v Gloucestershire (Rugby). **Group B:** Derbyshire v Sussex (Derby), Essex v Worcestershire (Chelmsford), Hampshire v Durham (The Rose Bowl), Middlesex v Yorkshire (Lord's).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Championship (3.0)**:** Dewsbury v Hunslet, Doncaster v Oldham, Midlands Hurricanes v Keighley (2.0), North Wales Crusaders v Goole Vikings, Sheffield v Halifax, Swinton v Batley (2.0), Widnes v London Broncos, Workington v Newcastle.

TENNIS
ATP National Bank Open presented by Rogers (Montreal, Quebec).
WTA National Bank Open presented by Rogers (Toronto, Ontario).

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

QuicKerr than you!

JOSH GOLD VOW

JOSH KERR has vowed to win Commonwealth gold for Scotland tonight, roaring: The more pressure I face, the quicker I run.

By **ROB MAUL**

Edinburgh ace Kerr, 28, is favourite for the men's mile on the final night of athletics at Glasgow's Scotstoun Stadium.

The Home Games poster-boy – the new world-record holder for the distance – will jostle with compatriot Jake Wightman in the stadium where they used to run as juniors.

Kerr said: "I thrive in a pressure environment. I want as much pressure on me as possible.

"I'm here to get a gold medal for Scotland.

"And, hopefully, we can put more on the podium than just me. Jake's run an awesome kilometre.

"So I'm just happy to be rubbing shoulders with these guys again and going after the big medals."

Kerr is a two-time Olympic medallist over 1500 metres and won the world title in Budapest three years ago.

Two weeks ago, he smashed Moroccan icon Hicham El Guerrouj's 1999 mile record with a time of 3min 42.66sec in London.

Though this is the highlight of the athletics schedule – the mile returns to the Commonwealth Games after a 60-year absence – Kerr, who won his heat in 3:58.57, has kept himself in his own bubble.

But he expects a tactical "battle" in a world-class field. Now based in the US, he said: "I still don't really have my phone and I'm really just trying to lock in and get the best result I can.

"To be the world-record holder now and rubbing shoulders with these guys, to bring a bit more energy back to the mile in the UK, it's just what I'm here to do.

"This is my season. But it is very different to go from racing a clock to racing these guys – and these guys are really good, some of the best milers in the world.

"It's trying to battle against them and see if I can win what I feel most proud of, which are my racing tactics. It'll be a great battle out there."

Wightman reckons tonight's mile race could help save the Commonwealths from extinction.

Had Glasgow not stepped in two years ago to host these beleaguered Games then they could have disappeared from the sporting calendar for ever.

Even though India is staging the 2030 Centenary Commies, there is a lack of interest from the BBC and big-name athletes.

Yet athletics' last night could be a cracker with Wightman, Kerr, Aussies Cameron Myers and Oliver Hoare plus Kenya's Timothy Cheruiyot all vying for supremacy over 1,609 metres.

Wightman said: "There's going to be a big, big audience around the world tuning in for this, which would be cool for the legacy of the Commonwealths.

"If we can put on a good show on Saturday it's a really good thing for Commonwealth sport in the future.

"If we can write headlines because it's an amazing race then maybe it'll help keep pushing the Commonwealths to get back to where it should be."

LEADING THE WAY . . . Kerr breaks world record and (right) Wightman in heats

KOTTAS . . . fourth

It's medal hell for Ell

By ROB MAUL

ELLIS KOTTAS agonisingly missed out on a medal when her wheelchair race was rerun.

Kottas, 22, came third in Wednesday's women's T54 1500 metres final, which became silver as Nandini Sharma got disqualified.

But organisers chose to rerun the race after there had been four crashes.

And yesterday English star Kottas came fourth.

She said: "It's a slight disappointment but there's still a lot of excitement.

"That original medal wouldn't have been on my own merit — as half of my rivals were wiped out."

Kottas has had to miss her aunt's wedding today in Belgium because of the restaged final.

The Kent racer added: "I was the ring bearer but my aunt understands."

Scottish star Melanie Woods — winner the first time around — claimed gold in 3min 32.20sec.

And the Glasgow racer joked: "Not many people get two laps of honour and I milked that today."

Acelya in upgrade

ACELYA TOPRAK felt like she was "dying" as she grabbed judo gold in a dramatic golden-score period in Glasgow.

The South Londoner, 28, was determined to upgrade her women's -57kg silver from Birmingham 2022 and she did so forcing India's Yamini Mourya into a third "shido" to decide it.

She said: "I felt like I was dying. My coach kept telling me to get up and go back for one more.

"I am happy it didn't happen the same way as four years ago. I wanted a gold so bad."

Morris is motoring

ANNA MORRIS won cycling gold — but then lost an extra silver for foul play.

Wales' four-time world champion clocked a new Games record of 4min 24.272sec to beat England's Josie Knight in the individual pursuit.

She then took second in the 10km scratch race — only to be relegated to fifth for blocking.

But Morris, 31, was still bubbling over her second gold. She said: "It was only when I crossed the line that I knew I'd won the race — I was just focused on my ride."

2026 ACTION FROM DAY 8

BY GEORGIA, SHE'S DONE IT . . . Hunter Bell crosses finish line to win gold in Glasgow

WHAT A BELLTER

She's a big-prize Hunter

GOLDEN GIRL Georgia Hunter Bell became England's first Commonwealth Games 800 metres champ for 36 years.

By ROB MAUL

Keely Hodgkinson, 24, may have decided to skip this event in Glasgow but her training partner at M11 Track Club proved it was the right call to attend.

From gun to tape, on a windy night in Glasgow, Hunter Bell *(right)*, 32, dominated this race to win in a time of 1min 59.51sec.

Not since Diane Edwards was crowned champion over two laps in Auckland in 1990 had the English flag been raised following success in this event.

With 200 metres to go, the Surrey star put on the afterburners at the Scotstoun Stadium to see off all challengers with ease.

It is the first gold for England in athletics at these Games, outside of the para-sport races.

And it was sweet revenge over Kenyan Lilian Odira – who had finished 1.07sec off in second place – given she had beaten the Brit to gold at the Tokyo World Athletics Championships last September.

Australian Sarah Billings, 28, claimed the bronze in a time of 2:00.61.

England will go up against front-runners Jamaica, Kenya and Australia tonight in the mixed 4x400 metres relay.

A protest by English bosses against the "conduct" of an India runner – who they accused of stepping inside the lane on two occasions on the first change – was rejected.

The jury of appeal concluded there was a single touch of the line.

Now the Scots, particularly The Proclaimers, might like to walk 500 miles – but the race walk in athletics was capped here at 10,000 metres.

Australian **ISAAC BEACROFT**, 19, crossed the line first in a time of 38:45.51, 1.06sec ahead of Kenyan Stephen Ndangiri Kihu.

And his reward for this success was to jump on a flight to the United States to attend the World Athletics Under-20s Championships in Oregon, which starts on Wednesday.

Scots' Okoh oh-no

ISAAC OKOH rammed Scottish roars back down their throats by booking an England versus Wales final.

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

The Essex southpaw outclassed local hero Robert McNulty to take a unanimous decision in Glasgow.

And he will now face Welsh 90kg dragon Connor Williams.

Okoh – who dared flash his tongue after landing a sweet backhand to McNulty's body in the second – said: "It was a good fight. I've known Robert a long time and I respect him.

"I'm in his home country so I knew the crowd would be loud for him and he got dragged into it.

"They told me I was going to get knocked out but that didn't happen – their boy got schooled." Super-heavy **DAMAR THOMAS** eased his way into the final without throwing a punch after Northern Ireland's Willie John McCartan withdrew with an elbow injury.

DIMEJI SHITTU also fights for gold tonight. The 80kg ace faces India's Ankush Panghal after a unanimous decision win over Aussie Paul Trainor.

PATRIS MUGHALZAI went past Zambia's Emmanuel Katema on a 4-1 split in their 65kg bout, while England's **SACHA HICKEY** and Northern Ireland's **KACI ROCK** face off for gold today at the same weight.

LAUREN MACKIE'S Glasgow campaign ended with a bronze medal in the 54kg class. The 20-year-old lost a split decision to Canada's Scarlett Delgado.

OKOH . . . outclassed local lad

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RADUCANU . . . injury

Em's GB absence

By ROB MAUL

EMMA RADUCANU will skip the Billie Jean King Cup finals for a second straight year.

The former US Open champion is not part of Britain's squad for the last-eight knockout phase in Shenzhen, China.

Skipper Anne Keothavong picked Harriet Dart, Jodie Burrage, Katie Boulter and Mika Stojsavljevic, 17.

One more can be added in the coming weeks.

No 2 seeds GB will face the Czech Republic — led by new Wimbledon champ Linda Noskova — in the first quarter-final on September 22.

Raducanu, 23, pulled out of Wimbledon just before the start due to a stress fracture in her foot — and her place at this month's US Open is still uncertain.

Still a Lott to play for

By JACK ROSE

LOTTIE WOAD had a "pretty good" day despite a bogey five at the last in the Women's Open.

Woad and fellow Brit Charley Hull sit at two under par, five shots off halfway leader Ryu Hae-ran of South Korea at Royal Lytham.

Woad was poised to challenge top spot when she made the turn at four under overall, recovering from a bogey on No 2.

But she missed birdie chances at 11 and 12, dropped a shot on 14 and then two-putted after finding a bunker at the 18th.

Woad, 22, said: "It was tougher scoring today, a few more sneaky pins.

"I played pretty good tee to green, I just need to try and make a few more birdies."

Lov-Leigh day, Matt

By GARY CARTER

MATT PEET hailed his marvels as Wigan went the distance to see off Leigh and win this Battle of the Borough.

Warriors overturned an early deficit as Jai Field and Zach Eckersley ran in tries from miles out.

Bevan French and Noah Hodkinson also crossed to sink the Leopards 20-8 and send the visitors second in Super League.

It was a tenth straight win for Wigan and boss Peet said: "I'm delighted.

"We managed our way out of a situation and tries like that can be defining moments."

Jake Connor's 22-point haul saw leaders LEEDS thump Toulouse 46-0 while HULL KR beat Bradford Bulls 40-16.

CRICKET

TEST U-TURN HOPE

STOKES COULD FIND A BIT OF REVERSE HERE

Key: Anything is possible with Ben

ENGLAND supremo Rob Key reckons Ben Stokes could make a sensational Ashes comeback next summer.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

Legend Stokes quit international cricket in June and said "I'm done" when asked if he would consider reversing his decision after the New Zealand series defeat.

But Key hopes he may be tempted back under the new regime of Joe Root and Stephen Fleming, insisting: "Anything is possible with Ben."

All-rounder Stokes, 35, is one of Root's closest friends and could operate under Fleming after strains emerged in his relationship with Brendon McCullum.

They worked together briefly when Stokes played for Fleming's Chennai Super Kings in the IPL back in 2023.

Asked whether the door was open for a return by ex-skipper Stokes, Key said: "It would be a brilliant story if he does."

Key *(right)* admitted Stokes has not so far indicated if he would be interested in shelving retirement.

But the England bigwig added: "I wouldn't be surprised. Anything's possible with Ben.

"No bridges have been burned as far as I'm concerned."

Stokes' retirement came after he spent several months brooding over last winter's crushing 4-1 Ashes defeat and a fractured cheekbone he suffered in the nets.

There was also frustration he was not backed publicly by axed Test coach McCullum and Key after breaking the team's curfew.

In the past, Stokes did perform a U-turn after quitting one-day international cricket so he has previous in not sticking to a retirement decision.

He is currently playing for Durham in the One-Day Cup – and his performances have included a match-winning century and golden duck.

Even the Aussies think Stokes will face them next summer.

Earlier this week, coach Andrew McDonald said: "The fairytale would be that he comes out of retirement and takes on one more Ashes and builds a lot of hype on the way.

"To me, he still has a lot of good cricket left in him.

"It will be a fascinating watch. I think that the new England head coach potentially has a conversation with him."

Key was speaking for the first time since Root, 35, was persuaded to return as permanent Test captain and Fleming hired as Test coach.

Kiwi Fleming, 53, has a four-year contract after Key's first choice, Andy Flower, decided to stay on the lucrative franchise circuit.

But Fleming is not available for the upcoming three-Test series against Pakistan, which starts on August 19.

He is staying with his family in New Zealand and will begin his reign against South Africa in December.

When England hired Duncan Fletcher as coach back in 1999, he did not take charge until the series in South Africa the following winter.

Key added: "My job is to get the best person. It wasn't a stipulation for any of the candidates that they had to be there for Pakistan.

"Had it been the case, that would have limited the field drastically.

"A month ago, Stephen Fleming was probably not on a lot of people's radar for the job – certainly myself and Stephen himself. But in Stephen and Joe, I think we have the two best people to take forward what is a side with a huge amount of potential.

"I'm as optimistic as ever that we've got the best people."

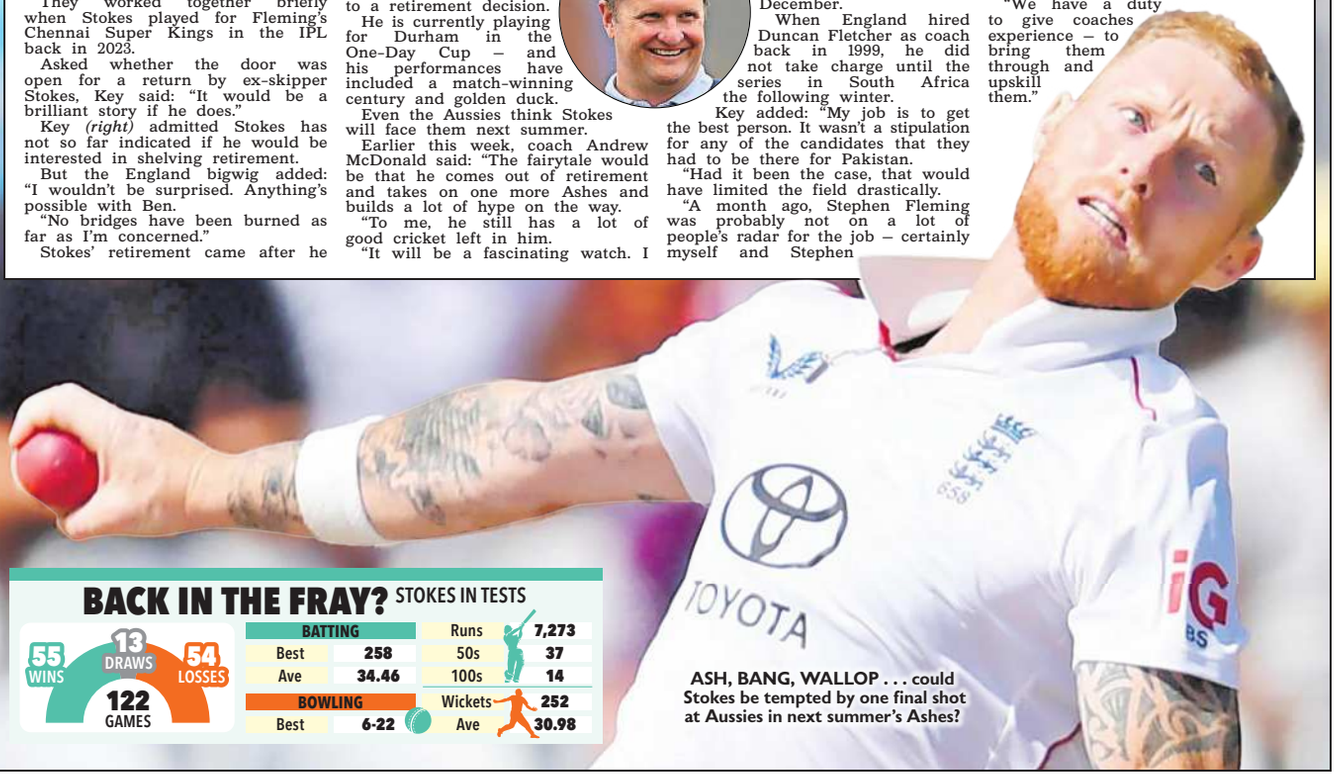
Four of England's last six Test coaches have been from overseas and Key wants to develop more home-grown candidates.

Former New Zealand captain Fleming beat off competition from ex-England players Richard Dawson and Jonathan Trott for the job.

Key admitted: "It's not happened quickly enough and we're trying to change that going forward.

"It was one of the first things Stephen and I spoke about.

"We have a duty to give coaches experience – to bring them through and upskill them."



ASH, BANG, WALLOP . . . could Stokes be tempted by one final shot at Aussies in next summer's Ashes?

BACK IN THE FRAY? STOKES IN TESTS

BATTING			
Best	258	Runs	7,273
Ave	34.46	50s	37
		100s	14

BOWLING			
Best	6-22	Wickets	252
		Ave	30.98

MENZIES . . . hurt hand

Cam has to pay for Pally fury

By ROB MAUL

ANGRY darts ace Cameron Menzies was fined £2,500 and handed a suspended ban for punching a table at Ally Pally.

World No 26 Menzies gashed his hand as he lashed out on stage after a 3-2 first-round defeat to Charlie Manby at the World Championship in December last year.

The Scotsman, 37, needed emergency treatment at hospital with blood pouring from his throwing hand as the incident went viral.

The Darts Regulation Authority fined Menzies and gave him a four-month ban — suspended until July 2027 — at a hearing on January 19.

But the verdict has only just been revealed as the body finally published its list of punishments since 2023 following a three-year hiatus.

Menzies, a former plumber, earned £15,000 just for losing in the first round of the World Championship.

The list also revealed two-time world champion Gary Anderson was fined £3,000 — £1,000 of which is suspended until next month — for "aggressive and abusive behaviour" at the 2025 World Matchplay event in Blackpool.

And Dutchman Raymond van Barneveld, a five-time world champ, was given a formal warning for "failing to report damage to a hotel room" at an event in Germany in May 2025.

Rob Cross received a £500 fine for making an "offensive gesture" which was caught by Sky cameras during the 2025 World Championship.

King Wu loses out

By ROB MAUL

WU YIZE suffered his first defeat as the reigning snooker world champion.

May's Sheffield king was on home soil for the Shanghai Masters and wooed the crowd with three century breaks.

But lost 10-6 in the semi-finals to world No1 Judd Trump in this non-ranking tournament.

Trump — who hit two centuries and seven breaks over 50 — now faces Kyren Wilson or Zhao Xintong tomorrow.

The Juddernaut, 36, said: "It was tricky at the start. I had to stay in the game and get a lead.

"But I wasn't too disheartened and felt my game was there.

"It was all about taking my chances."

FRANCO BARESI 1960-2026

ONE-CLUB ICON

BARESI'S CAREER

AC MILAN DEBUT	GAMES	GOALS	FINAL GAME
April 23, 1978	719	33	June 1, 1997

HONOURS

Serie A	Serie B	European Cup/ Champions Lge	Uefa Super Cup	Intercontinental Cup	World Cup
6	2	3	2	2	1

ITALY	GAMES	GOALS
1982-94	81	1

MASTERFUL MILAN . . . AC's 1989 European Cup winners, back row from left: Paolo Maldini, Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit, Carlo Ancelotti, Frank Rijkaard, Giovanni Galli. Front row: Franco Baresi, Roberto Donadoni, Alessandro Costacurta, Angelo Colombo and Mauro Tassotti

LEGEND . . . Baresi lifts the European Cup in 1990 and World Cup '94 final despair (right) after his shootout miss

Low-key defender with high IQ to stop very best

HE'S 'ETCHED IN AC'S DNA'

By JUSTIN ALLEN

FRANCO BARESI was a master of his craft and universally revered as one of the greatest centre-backs of all time.

He was a quiet, unassuming genius who turned tackling, positioning and reading the game into an art form.

The AC Milan and Italy legend passed away yesterday, aged 66, following a long illness, leaving world football in mourning.

One-club man Baresi captured an astonishing 18 major trophies with AC Milan – including six Serie A titles and three European Cups – alongside a World Cup winner's medal in 1982.

While the youngster spent that tournament in Spain on the bench, he remains one of the few men to collect gold, silver and bronze World Cup medals.

It was not all success – he famously skied his penalty in the shootout loss to Brazil in the 1994 final.

To the TikTok generation raised on flashy skill compilations, names like Pele, Eusebio and Ronaldinho still echo loudly through viral clips online.

But having hung up his boots nearly 30 years ago, Baresi's genius remains subtly low-key to a generation of fans who never watched him live.

At 5ft 9in, he did not boast towering height. He simply destroyed elite attacks through footballing intelligence.

He was an understated hero – a man who never made a scene off the pitch yet stood as a giant on it.

Diego Maradona called him "the best defender" he ever faced.

He once said: "I realised I was up against an extraordinary defender.

"Claudio Gentile used to hit me to stop me. As for Baresi, he used to snatch the ball from between my legs without even touching me."

While modern fans debate stars on social media, those who saw Baresi play know he operates in a completely different tier of immortality.

Tottenham boss Roberto De Zerbi said: "I grew up in Milan's academy – and when I was 15 or 16 I worked a lot with the first team. He is from my city also.

"He was the best defender in the world. Great captain, great player.

"It's sad for him to go so young but he had many health problems in the latter period of his life.

"I spoke with many players today and they never watched him as a player – but he was incredible. Maybe even better than Paolo Maldini."

An AC Milan statement said: "The entire history of our club is in tears. His integrity is etched forever into our DNA."

Former team-mate Marco van Basten added: "Franco was the heart and soul of our team. Playing in front of him gave everyone total belief."

Orphaned as a teenager, Baresi developed a ferocious mental toughness that defined his legendary 20-year career in the red and black at the San Siro.

Rebuffed by rivals Inter as a youngster, he joined Milan and refused to jump ship even when they suffered two humiliating relegations to Serie B in the early 1980s.

Handed the captain's armband at just 22, he racked up 719 appearances and led the Italian giants back to the top.

Alongside defenders Maldini, Alessandro Costacurta and Mauro Tassotti, he anchored the most impenetrable back line the game has ever seen.

Their suffocating offside trap drove the world's most feared strikers crazy.

His team went a staggering 58 matches unbeaten in Serie A between May 19, 1991 and March 21, 1993.

Milan captured six Scudettos and three European Cups during an unmatched era of dominance. He was captain of the famous Invincibles season for Milan in 1991-92 under ex-England boss Fabio Capello.

Baresi was an unused squad player in Italy's 1982 World Cup triumph and finished third with the Azzurri in 1990.

But his defining international display arrived in the 1994 World Cup in the USA. After tearing his knee meniscus in the group stage, doctors wrote him off.

Miraculously, he returned 25 days later after a keyhole op to play in the final, where he shackled Brazil's feared attack.

Though Italy lost on penalties, his superhuman display is a gold standard in World Cup history.

When Baresi hung up his boots in 1997, Milan retired his No 6 shirt.

He carried the torch at the Winter Olympics opening ceremony in the San Siro this year.

Baresi did not possess flashy tricks but he was as close to footballing perfection as the game will get.

Silva lining

BOURNEMOUTH have agreed a £26million deal for Benfica centre-back Antonio Silva.

The Portugal star, 22, plans to travel for a medical this weekend.

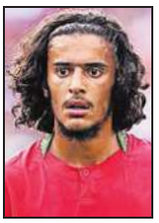
Cherries chiefs will pay £21.4m plus adds-ons for Silva *(right)* — their second summer arrival after Elche striker Alvaro Rodriguez, 22.

It's Bouad news, City

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

LILLE president Olivier Letang is in no rush to sell superkid Ayyoub Bouaddi to Manchester City.

Etihad chiefs have been in talks over the Moroccan midfielder *(below)*, 18, rated in the £85million bracket by his French club.



Yet Lille are keen to keep him for another season – even if a deal is struck – and Letang claims the player is happy to do that, too.

He said: "I told you before, I think Ayyoub is going to stay and I stand by that. The idea remains the same.

"We are in regular contact with Ayyoub and he's not in a hurry to leave. He's very keen to stay here, too.

"When you can play a significant number of matches – including in the Champions League – you ask yourself, 'Why leave now?'

"If clubs come in at the end of this window for a player and we're not in a position to replace, we won't go ahead with the deal."

NEWS TICKER

LIAM CULLEN says Leicester is the "perfect fit" for him after joining from Swansea.

Wales' midfielder, 27, ended a 19-year stay to reunite with boss Russell Martin. Foxes are also close to signing Brighton winger Tommy Watson.

VITOR MATOS pledged to "keep pushing" after signing a new four-year contract at Swansea.

The Portuguese manager, 38, won 14 of his 30 league games after taking charge in November.

He said: "We put good foundations in place last season but we have to keep pushing."

NEWPORT confirmed Hayden Mullins as their new manager — as we revealed yesterday.

The former Crystal Palace and West Ham midfielder, 47, was Fulham's under-21 coach. He said: "I'm massively proud to be here."

Thirst for Hirst

STOKE and Preston are plotting ambitious moves for Ipswich striker George Hirst.

Hirst, 27, helped fire the Tractor Boys to the Prem with 11 goals last term and went to the World Cup with Scotland.

But the 6ft 3in hitman's game-time is likely to be limited by new front-line signings at Portman Road and a season's loan is likely.

Stoke want a physical striker having had offers for Sarpsborg's Daniel Karlsbakk rejected.

And Preston need forwards after losing four and adding one.

WORLD CUP FIFA CASH GRAB

'Football is for all the people'

ALONSO SLAMS GIANNI PLAN TO FLOG CUP

HOLDING ON . . . Infantino and Trump present the World Cup to Rodri last month

Out-fantino

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ALONSO . . . Spanish winner in 2010

XABI ALONSO joined the growing protests over Fifa's controversial plans to sell the World Cup.

From JACK ROSSER in Sydney

The Chelsea manager, a World Cup winner with Spain in 2010, declared football must belong to the people and not be in the hands of private investors.

Uefa threatened a boycott of Fifa tournaments, including the World Cup, and rejected Gianni Infantino's scheme to flog stakes in football's flagship tournament.

Alonso is hopeful the scheme, which has also been rejected by Concacaf and Asia's AFC, will fail.

He said: "Football has to be for the people, not in private hands.

"The way we love it is this way and we have seen a great World Cup, with some things that stay the same way.

"It's good to defend the interest from all the people. It's a common feeling of football people that we want something that we keep in the hands of everyone, that it's for all the people.

"Hopefully it will not happen and we will keep the game as attractive and as authentic as we like it. That's why it creates these emotions, these passions.

"We've seen in the World Cup, we've seen in the Champions League, we've seen in the Premier League, in all the competitions because it's for everyone.

"The more we keep it . . . I know it's one part, but once you start with the 20 [per cent], you finish it with the 51 [per cent] and we don't want that."

Alonso's comments yesterday came during yet another damaging 24 hours for Infantino.

Prime Minister Andy Burnham described him as the "wrong man" to lead Fifa, while he came under fire from the Asian Football Confederation.

In a statement, the governing body explained how it "stands in solidarity" with counterparts in Europe and North, Central America and the Caribbean.

The AFC stressed how Infantino's outlandish plans could not "realistically achieve the necessary broad consensus and unity required to move forward".

Divisions appear to be forming within Fifa and Carlos Cordeiro, Infantino's senior adviser on global strategy and governance, has resigned.

Fifa's chief operating officer, Kevin Lamour, said in a statement staff were "deceived" by Infantino's lack of openness about the private investor scheme.

Yesterday began with Fifa being bullish on their president's proposals and insisting in a statement that "nobody is selling football".

They vowed to continue with the consultation process among their 211 member associations before holding a vote on the matter.

O'NEILL . . . interest

Mart: Go Ghed him

By DAVID FRIEL

MARTIN O'NEILL confirmed Celtic want Algerian World Cup star Fares Ghedjemis.

But the Hoops have rejected West Ham's offer for Arne Engels as Everton prepare a bumper bid for full-back Alistair Johnston.

Rangers are also eyeing winger Ghedjemis, 23, who could be available from Italian club Frosinone for half his initial £18million price tag.

Quizzed on Ghedjemis, boss O'Neill said: "I don't know if Rangers want to sign him but we have a very strong interest.

"We're genuinely making good progress."

The Hoops chief also said West Ham's opening offer for Engels, 22, was kicked out immediately.

And he revealed Toffees boss David Moyes phoned him about Johnston, 27.

Dundee Utd.....1
Rangers.....1

DEREK McINNES kicked off his Rangers reign with a draw at Dundee United in their Scottish Prem opener.

The Gers boss — who joined from Hearts in June — had Thelo Aasgaard to thank for rescuing a point.

Lachlan Rose put the hosts ahead before the break but Norway star Aasgaard lashed a superb 56th-minute leveller.

Rangers, facing Polish outfit Jagiellonia Bialystok in a Europa League third qualifying round first leg on Thursday, failed to win a league opener for the FOURTH year running.

Aasgaard, 24, said: "We showed good fight to get back into the game but lacked quality in the final third.

"We need to show more calmness, me included."

PREM COUNTDOWN

20 DAYS TO GO

ARSENAL begin a Premier League title defence at the Emirates for the first time ever — having moved into the stadium 20 years ago, at the start of 2006-07.

Mikel Arteta's side won 24 home games in all competitions last season, their most in a campaign at the Emirates.

PREM SKIPPIN' TOON

HEART OVER ED

Howe exit confirmed

GLORY BOY . . . boss Howe ended Newcastle's 70-year wait for a major domestic trophy when he lifted the Carabao Cup

TYNE TO GO . . . Howe says this is the right time to leave St James' Park

EDDIE HOWE knows in his "heart" quitting Newcastle was the right decision.

By JAKE SANDERS

The club finally confirmed 48-year-old Howe had resigned as manager following just under five years in the St James' Park dugout.

He took the club from bottom of the Prem to the Champions League in just 18 months after his November 2021 arrival — the first of two occasions they qualified for Europe's elite competition under his reign.

Howe also delivered Newcastle their first major domestic trophy for 70 years with the memorable 2025 Carabao Cup triumph over Liverpool at Wembley.

But Toon finished 12th last season and Howe has seen star names Alexander Isak, Sandro Tonali and Anthony Gordon all leave in the last year.

Captain Bruno Guimaraes is also likely to join Premier League champions Arsenal for around £70million this summer.

Howe, set to be replaced by Al-Ahli boss Matthias Jaissle, said: "After nearly five years of giving my life, heart and soul into the club with unrelenting energy, it is in the best interests of myself and the club to step away, recharge and take a break.

"It's been incredibly difficult to make this decision but in my heart I know it's the right one.

"I have always put the best interests of Newcastle before my own and this one is no different.

"It has been the privilege of my lifetime to have been the manager of Newcastle.

"It is difficult to put into words what this club, the city and its supporters mean, and will always mean, to me and my family.

"Newcastle instantly felt like home and the people here welcomed us with open arms.

"We took huge pride in representing the club from day one and this city will always hold a very special place in our hearts."

Toon qualified for the Champions League for a second time under Howe in May 2025 on the final day of the season.

But they lost star striker Isak to Liverpool in a British-record £130million deal months later — and that was the beginning of the end.

That saga dragged on for almost the entire summer and Newcastle missed out on several transfer targets, notably someone to score the goals in Isak's absence.

Key players Tonali and Gordon suffered dips in form, while big-money attacking signings Anthony Elanga, Nick Woltemade and Yoane Wissa all failed to hit the ground running.

It all culminated in a miserable final campaign on Tyneside for Howe, whose team were out of both domestic cups the Champions League and miles off the European spots by the middle of March.

Newcastle were booed following one home defeat to Brentford in February and they lost **NINE** of their final 15 Premier League games.

But the ex-Bournemouth chief reckons there is plenty to be positive about.

He said: "I remain incredibly positive and enthusiastic about the future of Newcastle.

"The club is in fantastic hands with a great leadership team and I have no doubt together, alongside whoever comes in to replace me, they will continue to deliver success on the pitch.

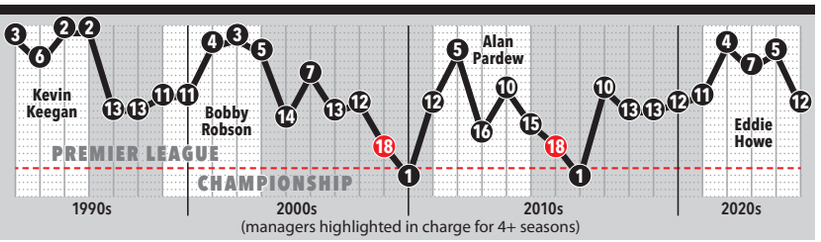
"A special thank you to all of the players who have represented the club during my time here.

"Without you, nothing would have been possible and it's been an honour to have coached you all.

"While my journey as manager has now come to an end, the affinity and love I will always hold for Newcastle United never will."

HOWE'S THIS FOR A RECORD?

TOON'S LEAGUE POSITIONS



(managers highlighted in charge for 4+ seasons)

RODRI . . . Real interest

Enzo has plans for hot Rod

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

ENZO MARESCA insists Rodri remains part of his Manchester City plans — despite Real Madrid making their move.

The Spanish giants want to bring the World Cup-winning skipper home after seven years in England.

He has just 12 months left on his Etihad deal — meaning a sizeable bid would be hard to ignore.

Real are ready to pay £43million — which is not enough to tempt City.

And so far, boss Maresca has been given no indication Rodri, 30, will go in this window.

Rodri is in rehab after a minor back op this week.

Maresca, speaking from City's pre-season training camp in Hong Kong, said: "It's just speculation. He had the surgery last Monday and was fine.

"The main focus for him was the World Cup.

"We didn't have any conversations.

"Any manager in the world wants him as he's a top player, important for me, the club everyone."

City are trying to seal a deal with Lille for their £85m-rated Morocco star Ayyoub Bouaddi but the new boss expects more fresh faces to arrive.

He said: "We are looking at different positions."

Ruben Dias, Matheus Nunes and Omar Marmoush join the squad today but will not play in the Inter Milan friendly.

Players who made the World Cup quarter-finals and beyond — such as Erling Haaland — are not on the tour.

Transfers Exposed — P66

Stones is so Inter it

JOHN STONES is thrilled to join Inter Milan and fulfil a lifelong dream of playing abroad.

The England defender, 32, ended his decade of Manchester City success — including six Prem titles and the 2023 Champions League under Pep Guardiola — by signing for the Italian champions on a free.

Stones said: "I feel a lot of emotions.

"An overwhelming pride and happiness, excitement to start this new chapter. What a place to do it.

"Moving abroad is something that I always wanted to do.

"When this opportunity came up, I spoke with my family and we didn't hesitate to come here. I'm very hungry to win again.

"I've been very lucky and fortunate to have won so much in the past and I want to bring that experience here."

PREMIER LEAGUE ARSENAL

HAVE SAMBA THAT!

EAR HE COMES! . . . Brazil ace Guimaraes can give Gunners fans plenty to shout about

Bruno adds Brazilian midfield

BRUNO GUIMARAES will help get Arsenal dancing to a different beat.

The Gunners relied on defensive steel to win the Prem last season but Mikel Arteta is aware of the need to evolve.

And what better way than by adding some Samba flair to the mix?

Midfield ace Guimaraes – set to join from Newcastle – certainly offers that.

And, who knows, there could be even more if Arsenal pull off a sensational swoop for his Brazil team-mate Vinicius Jr *(left)*.

A mega-money deal for the Real Madrid winger looks very hard to do, yet Emirates chiefs at least hope to get Guimaraes through the door.

A deal for the Newcastle captain, 28, is at an advanced stage and he should arrive for a fee north of £70million.

That is a serious outlay but it makes sense after boss Arteta's

By SIMON COLLINGS

midfield struggles last season. Declan Rice and Martin Zubimendi were run into the ground and there is a clear need for reinforcements in that area.

Guimaraes brings something different to the party and will not be afraid to put his mark on this Arsenal team after becoming a leader at Newcastle.

The midfielder has developed the attacking part of his game since moving to Toon from Lyon in January 2022.

Last season was his most productive and the Brazilian finished it with nine league goals and five assists.

Viktor Gyokeres was the only Arsenal player who bettered that tally – with 14 Prem goals and a solitary assist.

The Gunners lacked an attacking threat from midfield on their way to winning the title but they struggled for creativity, too. Guimaraes showed with his four assists for Brazil at the World Cup this summer how he can help in this area.

That came off the back of a season where he created 45 Prem chances, with Rice and Bukayo Saka the only two Gunners to better that.

But no one in Arteta's ranks could compete with Guimareas when it came to through balls and passes completed in the final third.

The latter has been a real problem for Arsenal, who especially struggle when teams sit deep.

Guimaraes is excellent at receiving the ball in tight spaces and can help pick the lock of stubborn defences.

His arrival can ease the creative burden on captain Martin Odegaard, who he might play alongside as a No8.

Rice operating behind the pair would give the champions a solid base and the England star could easily dovetail with Guimaraes – adding attacking fluidity.

The Toon hero is set to join a handy Brazilian contingent at the Emirates – which includes Gabriel Jesus, Gabriel

GOING NUTS

ARSENAL'S BOYS FROM BRAZIL

1999-2001		2001-04		2002-05		2002-08		2006-07		2006-11	
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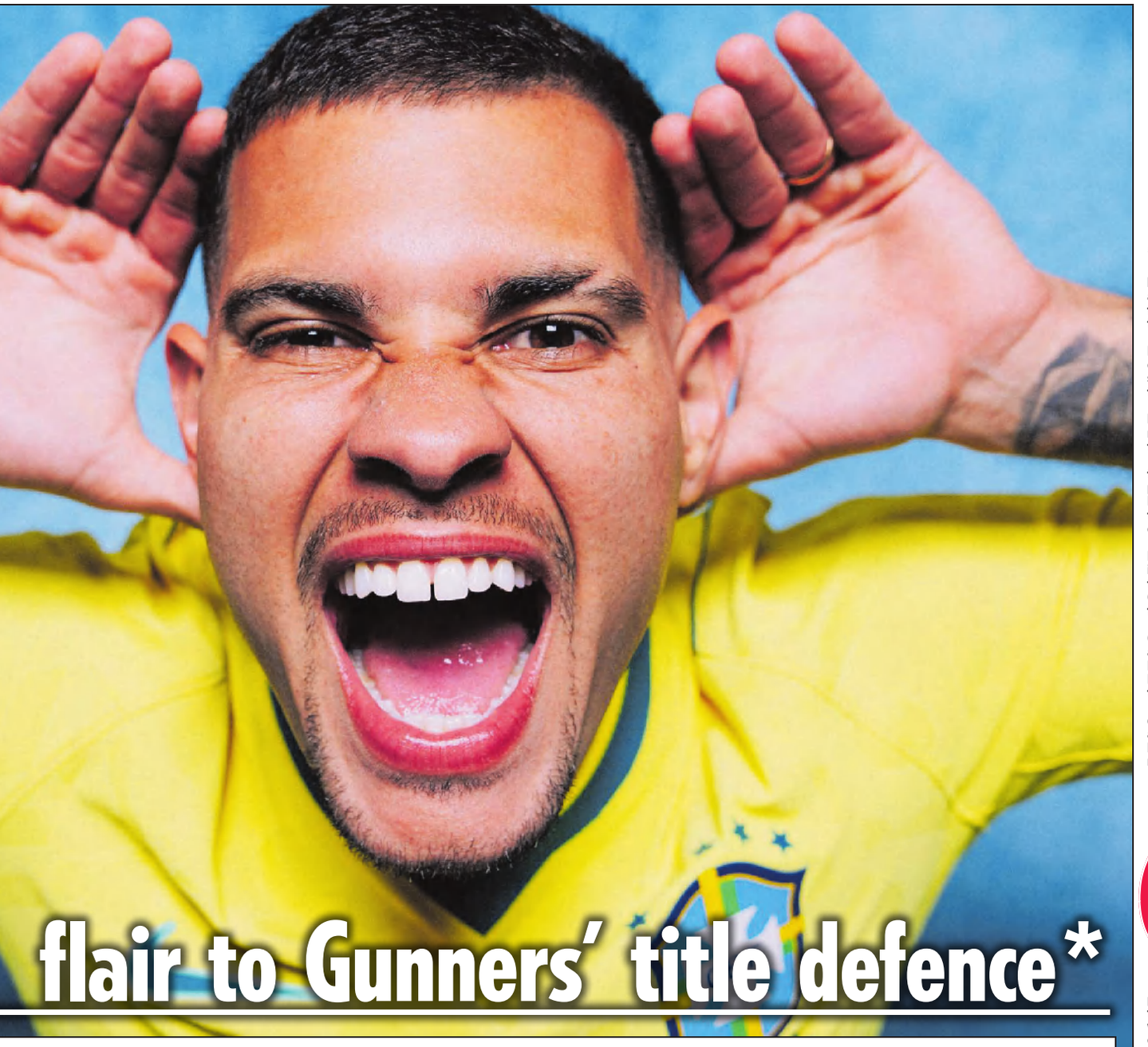

flair to Gunners' title defence*

and Gabriel Martinelli. He would also be the latest in a long line of Samba stars to represent Arsenal, following in the footsteps of World Cup winner Gilberto Silva.

The midfielder was a bedrock of that Invincibles side in 2003-04, like fellow countryman Edu – who sparked Arsenal's interest in Guimaraes.

Edu looked at bringing the midfielder to the Emirates six years ago when working as the club's technical director.

Guimaraes was playing at Athletico Paranaense then and Arsenal continued to track him when he joined Lyon.

Finally, the playmaker looks on his way to North London – and his hunger to win trophies should prove infectious.

If Arteta was wary about anyone resting on their laurels after title glory, throwing in someone with Guimaraes' fighting spirit will put paid to that.

And that is the attractive thing about the midfielder – who is able to combine Brazilian flair with English grit.

Per 90 minutes in the top flight last season, he won more duels and tackles than any Arsenal player. Arteta will love that because – as much as there is a need to liven up the Gunners' attack – the Spaniard is never going to fully abandon his core principles.

Hard work is a huge part of that, and Guimaraes offers it in spades at a time when Arsenal want to kick on with their project.

Arteta is hungry for more success and conscious of the fact the club have never retained the Prem.

The Champions League remains an elusive prize, too, and the heartbreak of last season's final shootout defeat to Paris Saint-Germain will serve as fuel.

Signing the experienced Guimaraes is an indication of how Arsenal want to win now, not simply build for the future.

The last time they spent this much on a midfielder was three years ago, when they paid West Ham £105m for Rice.

Arsenal chief Josh Kroenke called Rice a "plug-and-play" signing who could hit the ground running straight away.

If a deal gets over the line, Guimaraes will be expected to do the same.

JOIN THE CLUB . . . Arsenal's Brazil title heroes Jesus, Martinelli and Gabriel

2011-13		2015-17		2019-		2019-21		2020-		2020-21		2022-		2022-25		2024-25	
Andre Santos		Gabriel Paulista		Gabriel Martinelli		David Luiz		Gabriel		Willian		Gabriel Jesus		Marquinhos		Neto	
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ARTETA . . . not done yet

MOVE

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back in Brazil and plans are in place for him to fly out of his homeland tomorrow.

Carlo Ancelotti's Samba Boys exited the World Cup on July 5, when they were shocked 2-1 by Norway in the last 16.

And Guimaraes has now had more than the minimum requirement of three weeks off.

Indeed his international team-mates — Arsenal pair Gabriel and Gabriel Martinelli — returned to training with the Gunners on Thursday.

Mikel Arteta's Premier League champions are out in Spain as well for a training camp and take on Girona in a pre-season friendly tonight.

The departure of Guimaraes would conclude a turbulent week for Newcastle, with boss Eddie Howe also leaving the club.

It was confirmed yesterday he was stepping down and German coach Matthias Jaissle is set to replace him on Tyneside.

Guimaraes last night paid a touching tribute to Howe on Instagram, writing: "How could I ever put into words how grateful I am to you?

"You gave me the honour of being captain — of being your captain.

"That is something I will never forget and will carry with me for the rest of my life.

"Without a doubt, you are one of the best managers I've ever had.

"Please know that my gratitude will always remain, and that you will always have a friend in me.

"Thank you for everything. I wish you and your family nothing but happiness, success, and all the very best. With affection, Bruno."

> You will always have a friend in me
> — BRUNO ON HOWE

Arsenal are working on further business beyond wrapping up a deal for Guimaraes.

Arteta wants to sign a forward and a defender before the summer transfer window closes.

The Gunners are big fans of Aston Villa centre-back Ezri Konsa and Real Madrid's Brazilian winger Vinicius Jr.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

CHELSEA

ITALIAN JOBS . . . Chalobah and Disasi could join Serie A sides

Xabi centres on sale plan

From JACK ROSSER

XABI ALONSO wants to sell at least FIVE centre-backs before the transfer window closes.

The £52million arrival of Maxence Lacroix adds to Chelsea's already huge stock of central defenders.

With no European football to fill the calendar, new boss Alonso wants to trim the squad.

Academy graduate Trevoh Chalobah is a £35m target for Italian side Como, managed by former Blues midfielder Cesc Fabregas.

Axel Disasi, who spent the second half of last season on loan at West Ham, also has suitors in Italy, while Frenchman Benoit Badiashile *(top)* is expected to leave permanently after telling the club he wants more game time.

Josh Acheampong, another academy graduate, is attracting interest from Prem rivals but Chelsea are determined to keep him.

The futures of Mamadou Sarr, Aaron Anselmino *(centre)* and Tosin Adarabioyo *(bottom)* are also up in the air.

Asked how many central defenders he wants once the window is closed, Alonso confirmed: "Four or five. Is that accurate enough?"

Further sales elsewhere are expected.

Once Danny Welbeck has arrived, Chelsea will have six strikers in the squad, a number they wish to cut by half.

A number of Premier League clubs are thought to have expressed an interest in Liam Delap, while Aston Villa have spoken to Chelsea about a deal for Nicolas Jackson. Marc Guiu is also likely to depart.

Jackson, a Senegal international, has joined Chelsea in Sydney alongside Moises Caicedo, while Welbeck is due to meet up with the squad in Hong Kong next week.

Caicedo's arrival means it is the first chance Alonso has had to work with the Ecuador international and he was gushing in his praise of the midfielder.

The Spaniard said: "When I saw him yesterday I saw I've been missing my midfielders because I really admire him.

"From outside you see his quality, his heart, his mentality.

"I know the Ecuadorian players – they are different and I had heard a lot.

"I spoke with him on the phone but it was the first contact and he's a top, top player, for me one of the best holding midfielders in the world.

"Now he's here, now it's time to start working and to help him get better."

RDZ lifted my Con-fidence

From JACK ROSSER

CONOR GALLAGHER says Roberto De Zerbi helped transform his confidence after a difficult start at Tottenham.

The midfielder, 26, had struggled under Thomas Frank and Igor Tudor since joining the club from Atletico Madrid in January.

But De Zerbi's arrival changed his fortunes as he saved the North Londoners from the drop.

Gallagher *(right)* said: "Confidence is a massive thing in football — every player needs confidence if you're going to perform well.

"That's what the gaffer realised with me. I wasn't playing very well but he knew what I could do.

"He thought I was a good player so he knew what I had to do to improve and a big reason I performed better was him giving me some confidence back."

Spurs have so far spent a huge £185million this summer adding midfield competition for the ex-Chelsea man.

But Gallagher is up for the challenge.

He said: "When you play for a club like Tottenham, if there's not competition for a starting spot, then something's wrong."

HAPPY TO BE BACK AT THE COLEFACE

Fired-up Palmer raring to go after

COLE PALMER fell asleep while watching England beat Mexico and "got bored" in Marbella.

From JACK ROSSER in SYDNEY

But, after a summer of relaxation, the Chelsea star simply cannot wait to launch his big comeback.

England boss Thomas Tuchel left Palmer behind for the World Cup – and facing a first free summer of his football career.

Seven weeks stretched out in front of him off the back of a frustrating and injury-hit season under Enzo Maresca and Liam Rosenior, with Calum McFarlane twice filling in as caretaker.

Palmer, 24, said: "It was strange. I didn't know where to go, not in the first week.

"I went on holiday and was thinking 'Where do I go next?' I got bored after like six weeks. I was sat in Marbella thinking 'I want to go back in' . . . and I **NEVER** thought I'd think that.

"My summer was great. I had seven weeks off, which I've never really had.

"It was good. I went on holiday with my family. I feel fresh."

That hunger to return stemmed not only from a season in which Palmer was far from his best – but also from the realisation that Tuchel did not think he was good enough to help the Three Lions. Despite being overlooked, he still watched his England pals – though did admit to nodding off during the dramatic last-16 triumph over Mexico that eventually kicked off at 2am in the UK.

Palmer added: "Naturally. It's like anything. If someone told you that you're essentially not good enough to get in the squad, then you're going to think, alright, whatever then . . . try to go that extra bit harder.

"I watched some of it. I was away and the times were a bit mad in America. It was a bit difficult. But I did watch.

"I managed to stay up for England-Mexico but then I fell asleep at half time."

Is the desire to return to Tuchel's squad driving his season? Not necessarily.

Ahead of facing London rivals Totten-

PLAYMAKER'S RETURN

UP 'N RUNNING AGAIN . . . Cole Palmer training with Chelsea in Sydney after spending the summer 'relaxing' with no football (left)

CHILLING

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was with England at the World Cup — meaning he will not join up with his new team-mates until they return from their pre-season tour of Australia and Asia.

Rogers and Palmer grew up playing in the same side together at City, as well as at Three Lions youth level.

And No10 Palmer has no concerns about how they will combine — especially given how close they are.

Palmer added: "I always speak to him but when I heard Chelsea were trying to sign him, I was texting him even more.

"He was probably sick of me but at least he's here now.

"He told me straight away when he was coming. It didn't get leaked. Nobody knew.

"Just me and him and the higher people at the club. So it was a difficult secret to keep. But I kept it!

"Is he a next-level signing? Of course. Everyone knows how good he is. He's one of my best friends — so I'm very happy about it.

"We're different players. He's more physical than me, on and off the ball.

"He likes to drive with it. I like to play passes. We can play well together and played together as youngsters."

Palmer was controversially left out of Thomas Tuchel's squad but England went on to finish third Stateside.

Rogers, 24, made seven appearances at the finals with three as a starter.

Tuchel named Rogers in his starting line-up for the group win over Panama and semi-final loss to Argentina, plus the 6-4 third-placed play-off triumph over France.

GIFT OF THE XAB . . . boss Xabi Alonso gives Palmer instructions in Oz

NOT TAKING IT LION DOWN . . . Palmer looks sharp after England woe

7-week hols & that England snub

ham in today's pre-season friendly Down Under, Palmer insisted: "I'm not really too bothered about that now, I'm just looking forward to the season with Chelsea."

Last season's lack of form started with a groin problem which he suffered in the warm-up before Chelsea's 5-1 win over West Ham last August and limited him to just ten goals in 26 league appearances.

It was his first serious injury and Palmer admits he carried on playing when he should not have done.

Surgery was considered but ruled out and now Palmer is convinced he is ready to go for the new season.

He came on for the final half-hour of Blues' 6-4 win over Western Sydney Wanderers, setting up one of Joao Pedro's three late goals. Palmer said: "I didn't really know how to deal with it. The first few months I just wanted to go out and play, which I probably shouldn't have done.

"I couldn't play how I wanted to play and it was a bad season personally.

"I went to Sweden or Denmark, one of those countries, to see a doctor. We did speak about it – but I didn't end up getting the surgery.

"The seven weeks obviously helped. I'm ready to go again."

Part of Palmer's excitement around the new season – aside from Chelsea signing his very close friend Morgan Rogers from Aston Villa – is the chance to work with new Stamford Bridge boss Xabi Alonso.

Palmer and Rogers are England team-mates and played together in Manchester City's academy set-up while Alonso sent Palmer a message of reassurance as soon as Tuchel's England squad was announced without his name in it.

Spaniard Alonso has been encouraged by Palmer's level and has explained in detail what he wants from him, still asking him to closely follow a plan in the hope that gives the playmaker the freedom he needs.

Palmer said: "When I got told I wasn't going to the World Cup, he knew, so he messaged me.

"He said don't worry about it or whatever, normal stuff. It was nice.

"We spoke. He sees me in the 10, in the pockets, close to the striker. So we'll see.

"It's been good. Him and his staff have been good, a breath of fresh air with his ideas. I'm really enjoying it."

TEASER . . . Mudryk on Instagram last month, hinting at return

MUDRYK TIMELINE

- **Jan 15, 2023:** Joins Chelsea for initial £62m
- **Jan 21, 2023:** Makes debut v Liverpool
- **Oct 2, 2023:** Scores first Blues goal v Fulham
- **Nov 28, 2024:** Scores in win at Heidenheim - has not played since
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Provisionally suspended
- **June 18, 2025:** Charged with doping violation
- **Apr 29, 2026:** Banned for four years
- **Jul 31, 2026:** Suspension lifted

MUD HELL

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grateful that this process has reached a conclusion and that I've been cleared to return to football.

"As I always maintained, I've never knowingly or intentionally taken any banned substance.

"My commitment to competing fairly and representing my club and country with professionalism and integrity has always been important to me."

Meldonium was added to the World Anti-Doping Agency's prohibited list in 2016 as it increases endurance, reduces fatigue and shortens recovery times.

However, changes to doping testing processes mean that were Mudryk's sample tested today, it would not have been reported as a breach.

WADA labs use a testing method by which concentration levels are estimated rather than measured, which has resulted in the reporting threshold being raised.

During his ban, Mudryk – who thanked family, friends, the club and his legal team among others – has been training alone to maintain fitness, using pitches at Uxbridge FC.

The player, who was signed by Graham Potter *(above)* in January 2023 from Shakhtar Donetsk and is under contract until 2031, posted a training video on Instagram a fortnight ago with the cryptic message, "Stay tuned".

Mudryk, who scored ten goals in 73 appearances for Chelsea, with his last outing in November 2024, always said he never knowingly or intentionally used meldonium but accepted he had breached anti-doping rules.

The amount of meldonium in the sample was low, meaning it could have come from an accidental contamination. The exact source was never identified.

The FA said anti-doping disciplinary proceedings have now been resolved. And that Mudryk can return to competition "with immediate effect" after he accepted breaking anti-doping rules and agreed to a suspension equal to the time already served.

An FA statement read: "Changes have been made to the WADA Technical Document which, while not retroactive, mean that if Mr Mudryk's sample was collected today, the concentration of meldonium in the sample would not have been reported."

Chelsea welcomed the decision to allow Mudryk to compete again following "advances in the applicable scientific reporting standards for more reliable testing".

Blues appeal win on points

CHELSEA have dodged a six-point deduction thanks to a secret FA appeal — but were fined £10million for payments to agents under Roman Abramovich.

The Blues received a suspended transfer ban for two windows for breaching rules between 2009 and 2022.

The points deduction — issued by an earlier independent regulatory commission — has been suspended until June 30, 2027.

Owners Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital self-reported 74 breaches of FA rules when they bought the club in 2022.

The transfers which raised concerns included

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deals for Eden Hazard *(below)*, Samuel Eto'o and Willian.

None of the players are accused of wrongdoing.

Last September, Chelsea admitted making £47m in secret payments to unregistered agents and third parties over transfers between 2011 and 2018.

The FA said it was "continuing to investigate individual misconduct arising out of this case".

The club were praised for their "exceptional and unprecedented co-operation".

SunSport understands no current Chelsea employees are under investigation.

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A chilling warning!

COLE PALMER jokingly warned Morgan Rogers he will 'send the bailiffs round' if he uses his ice-cold celebration.

The close pals played together at Manchester City and have been reunited at Chelsea after Rogers' £117million switch.

And both attackers love to use the shivering goal cele.

Palmer *(left)*, 24, trade-marked his iconic move with the UK Intellectual Property Office last year.

But Chelsea's new forward Rogers *(right)* was actually the first out of the pair to do it in a professional game, days

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ahead of his mate. They have been constantly messaging over the summer as Rogers closed in on a transfer from Aston Villa – despite being a key target for champions Arsenal.

And asked how they will solve their celebration clash, Palmer said: "We've never spoken about it! It's one of them. He does it. I do it.

"I have trademarked it so if he tries to do anything, he'll have the bailiffs at his door. We will do it together."

While Palmer had a summer off, the new British-record signing

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Guimme my move

By SIMON COLLINGS

BRUNO GUIMARAES was not part of the Newcastle squad that flew out to Spain yesterday as he closes in on a £70million-plus move to Arsenal.

The Gunners are ready to snap up the Brazil midfielder and personal terms will not be an issue.

Guimaraes is waiting for the clubs to fully agree on a fee so he can undergo a medical.

The Toon captain *(above)*, 28, did not travel with his team-mates to La Manga yesterday for a training camp. He is thought to be

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CHELSEA STAR'S BAN OVER CLEAR AS MUD

From JACK ROSSER in Sydney

MYKHAILO MUDRYK has been cleared to return to football after nearly two years of doping hell.

The £62million Chelsea winger *(left)* was suspended in December 2024 after meldonium – a prohibited substance – was discovered in a sample provided while on international duty with Ukraine.

But Mudryk successfully appealed his four-year ban and is free to play again.

He is now due to join Xabi Alonso's squad on tour in Hong Kong next week.

Mudryk, 25, said: "This has been the most difficult period of my career. I am

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£62m winger free to return after doping hell

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Templegate's followers have been quids in so far at Goodwood. A £10 bet on each of his tips, double stakes for a nap, returned £140. Or £300 if you managed to nab the morning prices!

V FOR VICTORY . . . Valedictory can storm to third win in a row for John Gosden (*left, inset*)

VALE can set sail in the opener at Goodwood.

By TEMPLEGATE

VALEDICTORY (1.50, nap) can follow the line of top-class stayers who have won this race for the Gosdens.

They won this in 2022 with Trawlerman who went on to scale the heights and the admirable Sweet William took it for the yard three years ago.

So trainer John Gosden knows exactly what's needed to lift this staying contest.

Valedictory has been rising nicely through the handicap ranks. He started the campaign with a solid second at Newbury before a fair effort at Ascot in May.

That saw him upped in distance to this 1m6f trip here at Goodwood later than month. It proved a smart move as he cruised along and handled the track really well in running out a comfortable winner.

The first-time cheekpieces helped too and they stayed on when he repeated his winning effort at Newmarket last month.

That wasn't as impressive visually but they dawdled early on and he showed a decent turn of foot to pick up and win by a neck near the line.

The handicapper has been fair with a 3lb rise for that smart effort and his best runs have come on the quick ground he should get today.

He looks destined to become more than a handicapper and can prove it today with William Buick staying on board.

WAARDAH can defend her Lillie Langtry title (3.00 Goodwod, nb).

She has run just twice since her battling win in this race and came back from a long break with a promising effort at Carlisle last time out in Group 3 company.

This will have been her target and she can do the business for Owen Burrows.

CREST OF FIRE can set the lucky last alight (5.20 Goodwood, treble).

He had a right ding-dong with Ciarrai Abu at Ascot last time and that form has been franked in great style.

He likes this trip on fast ground and gets handy weight from most of them as a three-year-old.

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Favourite GLORIOUS

TOP BOY . . . Run Boy Run (left) wins the Ayr Gold Cup

MATT CHAPMAN

RACING'S No1 PRESENTER IN THE No1 THE Sun EVERY WEEK

WITH a rebel yell, I cried Run Boy Run!

Owner Phil Cunningham's Rebel Racing outfit has proved to be one of the most uplifting out there, openly and warmly enjoying the good times which have been plentiful of late.

And in the operation's quiet but naughty and talented trainer Richard Spencer, connections have unearthed a gem.

Between them all big-race victories have included an Ayr Gold Cup and a Stewards' Cup.

They won the latter event with Two Tribes last year and this afternoon he goes again in the same race as a leading player in defence of his crown.

Two Tribes has a big chance.

But it's their Scottish victor **RUN BOY RUN** (3.35) who interests me today at a huge price.

Indeed, I think the bookmakers have made a huge rick in their pricing of him at long odds in the six-furlong dash live on ITV.

It was at Goodwood on Tuesday that Run Boy Run ran behind stable companion Twilight Calls – whose success did this column a huge favour – over five furlongs.

The son of Cunningham's stallion Rajasinghe never quite got the run he wanted but he kept on well in the closing stages suggesting he's bang in form without having a hard race. This trip is his best and he goes on any ground.

Off a mark of 103 Run Boy Run will have to be better than ever, but all the leading contenders are pretty exposed as well. Last year Run Boy Run was fourth from stall 25 and now he goes from almost the same spot in 24. Game on.

Of course the Stewards' Cup is a wide open event, and handler James Owen offers up two big dangers in **Far Above Dream**, the mount of the excellent Kieran Shoemark, and **Soldier's Tree**, who gets five pounds off thanks to the useful apprentice Mason Maetel.

Both ran behind Double Rush in the Wokingham at Royal Ascot, with Soldier's Tree in third and Far Away Dream back in fourth. They can play a part once again.

Completely Random was second in the Wokingham but he has to bounce back after a poor effort over at Ascot (Two Tribes second).

ITV once again show five races from Goodwood, starting with another staying handicap.

I'll chance **SMALL FRY** (1.50) for Joseph O'Brien and Oisin Murphy.

The Ascot Stakes sixth was one paced over the longer trip at the Royal meeting but might prefer running at a stronger gallop here from off the pace or sitting close to the speed.

A mark of 92 is workable for me albeit he's a lot higher than when doing well for Gary & Josh Moore. An each-way chance in a race that should be run at a true gallop.

The Group 3 Glorious Stakes is for older horses over a mile and a half. **OPPORTUNITY** (2.25) is the young improver in here and the Duke Of Edinburgh winner is only four pounds below stable companion Al Aasy after a ten pound hike in the ratings for his Ascot success.

James Doyle rides for William Haggas and I just feel connections have found a good opportunity if you see what I mean.

Plenty of question marks over some of his higher rated rivals.

It's up in class for the Group 2 Lillie Langtry. **SANTORINI STAR** (3.00) will take some catching if back to the form that saw her second to Caballo De Mar in the Prix Vicomtesse Vigier. She's a tough sort for Haggas and forget her run in the Hardwicke when she didn't have the pace to go forward in a race full of speed. She has the chance to dictate here under Tom Marquand.

Finally, a handicap for three-year-olds over seven furlongs.

STARTLED (4.10) likes the track and should get a strong pace to run at so must have each-way claims for Harry Vigors who takes off a useful five pounds.

The gelding was a fine second over course and distance in May off 85 and with his jockey claims effectively goes here from 82.

It's been a pleasure to bang you in plenty of winners over five Glorious days. All class Bow Echo will certainly take centre stage for his Group 1 Sussex Stakes success, but Scandinavia was dominant in the Group 1 Goodwood Cup and Diamond Necklace a tough of magic in the Group 1 Nassau.

Racing is the winner. *Yeeehaaa!*

Winning Run shows no sign of stopping

SOLDIER'S TREE can branch out by winning the Stewards' Cup (3.35 Goodwood).

By STEVE MULLEN

He was a cracking Wokingham third before going close at Newbury. He likes it fast and the crazy pace will be ideal.

His trainer James Owen has another massive chance with Far Away Dream, while Sondad, Stratusnine and Dark Thirty complete my shortlist.

Here's my guide to the race:

SOLDIER'S TREE ★★★★★

TREE growing. Big improver was third in the Wokingham before another excellent Group 3 third at Newbury. Still looks ahead of his mark, should relish this big-field test and has a handy 5lb claimer up.

DUBAI BLING ★★★

BLING shines. Strong-finishing Ascot winner three weeks ago after an unlucky Wokingham run. Carries a penalty but his speed keeps him in the argument.

NORTHERN CHAMPION ★★

NOR way. Listed winner at Chester after finding Group 1 too much. Handicap debut under a penalty asks another question.

MITBAAHY ★★★

MIT a hit. Former Group 2 winner who has returned to form with excellent Wokingham and Hackwood efforts. Slow starts a concern but his mark is fair.

WEST ACRE ★★

GONE West. Smart Meydan Group performer returning from six months off. First-time blinkers go on but has fitness to prove.

SONDAD ★★★★

SON growing up. Thriving this season, winning hot handicaps at Epsom and Curragh after shaping well in the Wokingham. Tough, improving and another with major claims despite his penalty.

RUN BOY RUN ★★★

ON the Run. Ayr Gold Cup hero who wasn't disgraced over an inadequate 5f here on Tuesday. Return to 6f suits and he can fare much better.

TWO TRIBES ★★★

TWO good. Defending champ was an outstanding Ascot second over 7f latest. He'll be on the premises off 7lb higher than last year despite modest draw.

GET IT ★★★

GET going. Won this in 2024 and the Wokingham last year but he's been badly out of sorts since. His best would give him a chance from fair draw.

COMPLETELY RANDOM ★★★

COM on. Excellent Wokingham second confirmed his rise before failing to shine over 7f last week. Strong pace at 6f should suit.

GARFIELD SHADOW ★

GAR rusty. Back from long break with solid Pontefract second after being gelded. This is tougher.

TUCO SALAMANCA ★★★

TUCO can go. Progressive handicapper with two decisive AW wins this season. Turf record isn't as good but has a turn of foot.

STRATUSNINE ★★★★

STRAT strut. Gained reward for unlucky runs when winning in a big field at York last week. Carries a penalty but is progressive and shouldn't be underestimated.

ANNAF ★★★

NOT Naf. Former Group performer has been running better lately. Return to 6f is ideal and a strongly-run race could suit.

INVICTUS GOLD ★★

GOLD plated. Good soft-ground second behind Sondad at Epsom but failed to back that up at Windsor. Needs to bounce back.

FANDOM ★★★

BIT of a Fan. Thirsk winner who returned to form with a strong-finishing Ascot third over 5f. 6f suits and has an ew squeak.

FAR ABOVE DREAM ★★★★

DREAM alive. Three from three over C&D and excellent fourth in the Wokingham. Good rails draw and has more to come. Big player.

HAMMER THE HAMMER ★★

HAMMERED. Smart handicapper last season but

SOLDIER READY TO FIRE . . . Soldier's Tree (*red and white*) finished well at Newbury and can strike at Goodwood

TREE AND EASY

Soldier's Stew-pendous

well below that level in two starts since wind surgery. Needs to find his best to feature.

REALIGN ★★
LIGN up. Carlisle winner earlier this season before a respectable Wokingham eighth. From top team but needs a lot more.

FLASH HARRY ★★
FLASH in pan. C&D winner last summer but has failed to threaten in stronger races since. Plenty to prove.

BERKSHIRE WHISPER ★★★
NO Berk. Yet to win on turf but was hampered at Newbury last time. Fast pace will suit and from top team at a big price.

CANDY ★★
CAN can't Ayr Silver Cup winner who bled in Wokingham. Ability remains, but risks are obvious.

FERROUS ★★
FERR enough. Won three over this trip last year and good effort at Hamilton back in a handicap last time. Mark looks fair but will need his best.

KING OF LIGHT ★★
KING won't reign. Windsor winner in June but failed to build on that at Ascot over 5f latest. This represents another stiff test.

DARK THIRTY ★★★★
THIRTY love. In terrific form with York and Chester wins before chasing home smart Sondad at the Curragh. Well handicapped on that evidence and another major player.

EVENING SAIGON ★★★
SAI has say. Progressive four-year-old who chased home **Far Above Dream** here before a respectable Wokingham seventh. Needs another step forward but remains in the mix.

GOLD STAR HERO ★★
STAR burst. Landed AW hat-trick this spring in sprints. Respectable on turf since but this is a much tougher assignment.

TOCA MADERA ★★
MAD for it. Regularly runs well at this meeting and another solid effort over 5f here on Tuesday. This is a much stiffer test.

Templegate's Pinstickers' guide to the Stewards Cup

ANDY AYRES TRACKMAN
EACH WEEK ONLY IN THE Sun

FANCIED . . . Opportunity (*blue and gold*)

TWO TRIBES is ready to go to war in the Stewards' Cup (3.35).

Sprint king Richard Spencer's money maker landed a monster gamble in this £250,000 cavalry charge last season.

Spencer's speedball revved-up for a repeat with an eye-catching leg loosener at Ascot, and he is top of the pops with punters.

Meanwhile, those heavy-hitting boys from Wathnan whacked another nought on their bank balance when Exclusive Code (13-2 to 2s) banjaxed the bookies in Thursday's nightcap.

Archie Watson reckons a dodgy draw mullered that nag's chance at the Royal meeting, and his next stop is a scrap with the whippet walkers at York's Ebor Festival.

John Gosden is eyeing up a trip to that bunfight with **VALEDICTORY**, and he can book his ticket by bashing a big field in the 1.50.

Gozza's geezer has turned inside-out since connections bit the bullet and reached for a set of cheekpieces. He got down and dirty in a decent dust-up at HQ on his latest spin and should hit the right note in this valuable pot.

There was plenty of warbling at Epsom on Thursday night, where north of 2,000 pop pickers rocked up to hear a Taylor Swift tribute act rattle the rafters.

I've got a special Opp lined up for punters

That had the 'Swifties' reaching for their cowboy hats, and top man John Gallagher looked like he wanted to get out of Dodge after well-bet Sun Of Dolly (5s to 7-2) was chinned in a two-bob handicap.

Jolly John has had more seconds than Oliver this summer, but he's got a belting record at Brighton and expects to pick a pocket or two at their three-day festival next week.

All action Luke Morris has been booked to ride Gallagher's go-getters at the South Coast knees-up, and there will be a 'stewards' if track champ Havana Mojito doesn't go close on Wednesday.

By the way, Morris' massive reckon their man has got a cracking chance on Sir Mark Prescott's tungsten tough **CONSENT** in the Lillie Langtry Stakes (3.00).

The battling Baronet's bruiser looked the real deal when she clobbered some classy mademoiselles in a French Group 1 last autumn. That puts her in pole position, and some fast-talking fellas reckon this flying filly is ready to land the lolly.

Talking of which, one lucky Hills punter is holding plenty of folding after hitting a homerun with a fantastic four horse each-way acca. The crystal ball reader in question turned a fiver into 26-large when his quality quartet did the bizzo, and word is our hero is already eyeing up a new jam-jar.

My pal 'knock-kneed Nev' used to be terrified of speedbumps – he's getting over it slowly.

Anyway, the old rogue has been breaking bread with some chatty chaps from Newmarket, and they are going banco on William Haggas' **OPPORTUNITY** in the Glorious Stakes (2.25).

Wily William's crew pulled off a tasty tickle with Infraad (7-2 to 2s) at Goodwood on Wednesday and the same faces are getting stuck into this ball of muscle. James Doyle will be doing the steering, and his improver could have too much heart.

Favourite GLORIOUS

HAVING THE AFFAIR . . . American Affair (nearside, yellow) streaks clear late to win Qatar King George Stakes yesterday

American Idol®

Jim's speedster flies back to the top of the sprint charts

AMERICAN AFFAIR'S injury woes are well and truly behind him after a thrilling last-gasp King George V Stakes win.

By JACK KEENE

The 12-1 shot engaged overdrive late on under Paul Mulrennan as he stormed through late to bag another huge prize.

Jim Goldie's stable star had the sprinting world at his feet when winning the King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot last season – but he missed the second half of the campaign after picking up an injury.

Goldie, 70, was well aware of the talent the six-year-old had and he was at pains not to rush him back into action. The horse has been gradually nursed back to full fitness, and Goldie's patience has paid off.

The trainer decided to stay up in Scotland to saddle his runners at Musselburgh instead of making the long journey south to Goodwood – he is probably regretting that now!

As has been the case with so many of our big sprints in recently, it was a wide-open race and they were fanned out across the track a furlong out.

No sooner did it look like Aussie mare **Asfoora** would get her head back in front that **Rumstar** loomed large – before American Affair came and did the lot of them on the line.

Mulrennan said: "I thought I had won, but you never want to be too confident. What a horse American Affair has been. I was looking at this race and, on paper, it looked like there was going to be loads of pace.

"Within three strides, I winged the gates and I was there. I thought, 'I have got him in a nice comfort zone now.'

"He is another year stronger. He has had all that time off. There have been reasons why he has run bad this year, but he has done everything right today, so touch wood, he comes back from this good."

He very nearly lowered Battaash's five-furlong track record of 55.62 seconds, and Mulrennan dropping his whip close home may have made the difference. Not that the winning jockey will be losing too much sleep, and he will be counting the days down to the Nunthorpe at York now.

The bookies cut him into 7-1 from 20s for that Group 1 and Mulrennan added: "He probably would have beaten Battaash's time, had I not dropped my whip. On his day, he is very fast and this race has always been at the back of our minds

"We will enjoy today, but we have the Nunthorpe coming up which should suit him and possibly the Breeders' Cup which would be nice. At this stage of the game, I have probably got more years behind me than in front of me, but I feel I am still going strong.

"It is very competitive, it is hard. I have only got one ride down here this week, but we have made it count."

It was widely expected this would be Asfoora's last hurrah before she heads off into retirement Down Under.

But after an excellent fourth, when she looked like winning until being swamped in the final 50 yards, trainer Henry Dwyer hasn't ruled out a crack at regaining her Nunthorpe crown in three weeks' time.

He said: "I'm incredibly tempted by York, but I don't think it's my decision. I'll make a phone call to her owner and at the end of the day it's his money and his horse.

"He can decide to do what he wants and I won't advise him either way, but off today you'd think there's no reason not to go – the door is ajar."

Callum Rodriguez performed a minor miracle in getting **Archivist** to win the Golden Mile from stall 20.

A wide draw in the feature handicap of the meeting is usually a death sentence – but he delivered the 16-1 shot fast and late for an impressive win.

Rodriguez said: "I thought he had a great chance until the draw came out. But he was very good today, it was a brilliant performance."

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TEMPLEGATE
1.33 Romantic Symphony
2.13 Glamorize
2.48 Asheyra
3.23 Spirit Of Saxony
3.58 Divine Knight
4.33 Food For Thought
5.10 Sound And Vision

TOM PEPPER
1.33 Revoir
2.13 Acclamation Star
2.48 Haleema
3.23 Spirit Of Saxony
3.58 Arqoob
4.33 Thaluna
5.10 Silky Robin

■TIC-TAC: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course. ■DRAW: No significant advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): C Appleby 75-207, J & T Gosden 32-164, R Beckett 27-119, W Haggas 20-129. THIS SEASON: C Appleby 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): B Loughnane 18-95, J Mitchell 15-87, R Havlin 15-127, C Fallon 13-113. THIS SEASON: C Fallon 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Donegal Rose (2.13). Round trip of 414 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: J & T Gosden won the 1.33 in 2017, 2022 and 2023. C Appleby won the 2.48 in 2017, 2020 and 2024. R Hannon won the 2.13 in 2016 and 2022. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

1.33 EBF CHALICE STAKES (FILLIES' & MARES' LISTED) winner £39,697; 1m 4f (9 run)

1 1-4004 **FRANCOPHONE 14**
(7) C Johnston 5-9-9 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 92
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (F,A,GS,G) Places: 2 £146,525
Better latest in Group company, longer trip suits, place claims realistic

2 52-844 **MISS JUSTICE 28 (H★;D)**
(4) B Meehan 5-9-9 ..... **Joe Leavy** 93
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 4 £82,360
Creditable Group effort latest, stays well, can be competitive back in Lstd

3 13244- **ORCHARD KEEPER 296 (C)**
(3) R Varian 5-9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 91
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 7 £55,483
Absent since autumn, stays well, fitness has to be taken on trust today

4 13-173 **ORIONIS 14 (D)**
(9) W Haggas 4-9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon** 95
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 4 £82,783
Strong Lstd form, stays this trip well, looks one of the leading contenders

5 37-225 **REVOIR 14 (V★;BF)**
(6) R Beckett 4-9-9 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck** 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 6 £84,993
Better than latest, stays well, should appreciate this stronger test of stamina

6 0121-6 **RYKA 92 (D)**
(2) D O'Meara 4-9-9 ..... **Clifford Lee** 90
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (2F,GS,G) Places: 1 £54,707
Needed comeback, stays well, can step forward with that run behind her

7 2-211 **GONE BY 32 (D)**
(5) R Beckett 3-8-13 ..... **Charles Bishop** 94
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £29,518
Progressive and extra distance could yet bring further improvement

8 1-142 **ROMANTIC SYMPHONY 44**
(1) C Appleby 3-8-13 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 1 £23,326
Narrow Lstd second latest, trip suits, leading claims with more to come

9 2-612 **SUNSHINE STAR 12**
(8) J & T Gosden 3-8-13 ..... **Robert Havlin** 89
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £21,559
Improving steadily, longer trip should suit, capable of further progress

BETTING: 2 Romantic Symphony, 3 Revoir, 11-2 Orionis, 10 Gone By, Miss Justice, 12 Ryka, Orchard Keeper, 16 Sunshine Star
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 2 8 1
2025: Silent Love 3-8-13, B Loughnane 7-4 Fav (C Appleby), drw 1, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

FRANCOPHONE (9-5) 14-1 in touch, pushed along early straight, no impression 1f out, kept on, 4th of 8 (btn 4½l) to Moody (9-5) (Curragh 1¼m fil Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good to firm).
MISS JUSTICE (9-7) 16-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 4th of 9 (btn 6½l) to Tattycoram (9-7) (Newmarket 1½m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
ORCHARD KEEPER (9-6) 16-1 led, headed 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 4th of 13 (btn 4½l) to Term Of Endearment (9-6) (Bath 1½m Listed (1) £36,862 good to soft).
ORIONIS (9-6) 11-2 in rear, switched towards centre and steady headway from over 2f out, pushed along final furlong, chased leading pair final 110yds, no extra towards finish, 3rd of 9 (btn 2l) to Brielle (9-6) **REVOIR** (9-6) 7-4 fav midfield, outpaced 2f out, ridden inside final furlong, kept on, 5th (btn 2½l) (Newmarket 1½m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
RYKA (9-5) 10-1 led, ridden and headed 1f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 9 (btn 9½l) to Tattycoram (9-2) (Goodwood 1½m Listed (1) £39,697 good).
GONE BY (9-9) 6-5 jt fav raced in second on outer, led 3f out, ridden 1f out, just held on towards finish, bt Pearl River (9-7) nk (3 ran) (Salisbury 1¼m hcap (3) £12,885 good to firm).
ROMANTIC SYMPHONY (9-1) 4-1 led, clear 1f out, reduced lead final furlong, headed near finish, btn ½l by Calasita (9-1) (9 ran) (ParisLongchamp 1½m Listed (1) £20,785 soft).
SUNSHINE STAR (9-8) 5-2 prominent, not clear run over 2f out, switched left 1f out, ran on final furlong, btn ¾l by Dream Camp (9-6) (7 ran) (Windsor 1¼m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.33

ROMANTIC SYMPHONY went close in this Listed class in France last time and can go one better here. Charlie Appleby's Dubawi filly had looked highly promising when winning her first two starts before failing to fire in the Lingfield Oaks Trial but she bounced back at Chantilly. With confidence restored, she can take another step forward and her pedigree suggests there is plenty more to come over this trip. **Gone By** made it back-to-back victories with a determined success on her handicap debut at Salisbury. Ralph Beckett's filly takes a deserved crack at Listed company. **Sunshine Star** is another lightly raced three-year-old with potential. She was unlucky not to make a winning handicap debut at Windsor after meeting trouble and remains open to plenty of improvement for the Gosdens. **Orionis** also commands respect after staying on well for third over this course and distance last time.

2.13 EBF FILLIES' NURSERY (2) 2-Y-O; value to the winner £20,616; 6f (9 runners)

1 110 **LOVE A GIGGLE 45**
(5) K R Burke 9-9 ..... **Clifford Lee** 95
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (A,G) £45,097
York Lstd winner, Queen Mary too tough latest, this 6f/hcap bow, claims

2 106 **ACCLAMATION STAR 22 (D)**
(7) J Owen 9-8 ..... **Cieren Fallon** 97
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £6,008
Bath winner, highly tried last twice, hcapper taken no chances, in hunt

3 2011 **GLAMORIZE 11**
(8) G Scott 9-5 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £12,368
Two Notts wins, nursery bow the latest of them, up 5lb, leading chance

4 4211 **HAVANA SPRITE 37 (CD)**
(1) J Tate 9-4 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £28,202
Shared spoils C&D (Lstd) last time, fair mark for hcap debut, danger

5 210 **ROLLTHEDICEBABY 14 (D)**
(9) R Hannon 8-10 ..... **Joe Leavy** 94
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £17,719
Goodwood maiden win, forgiven latest (poor draw in Super Sprint), e-w

6 446311 **LADY DUBLIN 8 (D)**
(2) O Pears 8-6 .... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5)** 91
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F) £9,938
Up 5lb for Thirsk win latest, warrants this jump up in grade, respected

7 514 **DONEGAL ROSE 22 (D)**
(3) H Palmer 8-2 ..... **John Egan** 89
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) £22,598
Won Chester maiden, needed run after break on return there, squeak

8 2221 **FIRE THUNDER 17 (D)**
(6) M Botti 8-2 ..... **Laura Pearson** 96
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £19,552
Deservedly off mark in Lingers maiden, this hcap bow from fair mark

9 763130 **HOLI SCARLETT 14**
(4) S Williams 8-2 ..... **Olivia Haines (7)** 88
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £10,922
Notts nursery winner, tough ask latest and more exposed than most, left

BETTING: 11-4 Havana Sprite, 7-2 Glamorize, 11-2 Rollthedicebaby, 7 Acclamation Star, Love A Giggle, 10 Fire Thunder, 14 Lady Dublin
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-8 2 2 1 4
2025: Azleet 8-12, M Ghiani 10-3 (S C Williams), drawn 5, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

LOVE A GIGGLE (9-2) 18-1 midfield, pushed along 2f out, faded, 20th of 27 (btn 11l) to Victorious (9-2) (Ascot 5f Grp 2 (1) £99,242 good to firm).
ACCLAMATION STAR (9-2) 50-1 n touch, asked for effort over 1f out, never threatened, 6th of 8 (btn 3¾l) to Senorita Bonita (9-2) (Newmarket 6f Grp 2 (1) £70,888 good to firm).
GLAMORIZE (9-9) 1-4 fav raced in second, shaken up 2f out, led final furlong, ran on, bt Havana Gift (8-4) 2l (3 ran) (Nottingham 5f hcap (4) £4,187 good to firm).
HAVANA SPRITE (9-2) 10-3 rear, headway 1f out, led and faced sustained challenge final furlong, kept on, joined post, dd-ht with Glorious Game (9-2) (8 ran) (Newmarket 6f Listed (1) £17,597 good to firm).
ROLLTHEDICEBABY (8-10) 4-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, weakened final furlong, 11th of 24 (btn 6½l) to Zigazig Ah (8-4) **HOLI SCARLETT** (8-4) 80-1 midfield, asked for effort over 2f out, soon beaten, 13th (btn 8½l) (Newbury 5f auct (2) £143,009 good to firm).
LADY DUBLIN (9-10) 3-1 fav led after 1f, ridden over 2f out, rkept on strongly inside final furlong, readily, bt Crystal Kraken (9-4) 1¾l (12 ran) (Thirsk 6f hcap (6) £3,402 good to firm).
DONEGAL ROSE (9-1) 11-4 led, headed over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 4 (btn 12l) to Kach Above (9-5) (Chester 7f hcap (4) £7,731 good).
FIRE THUNDER (9-2) 1-4 fav tracked leaders, went second 2f out, led over 1f out, ran on, bt Langdale Lass (9-2) ½l (7 ran) (Lingfield 6f mdn (4) £5,400 good to firm).

2.48 LODGE AT THE NATIONAL STUD EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £6,700; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (2) **ASHEYRA** R Varian 9-2 ..... **Jack Mitchell** —
2 (4) **GIVE ME A BOW** W Stone 9-2 ..... **Josephine Gordon** —
3 (6) **HALEEMA** C Appleby 9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane** —
4 (5) **JESSICA** K De Foy 9-2 ..... **Laura Pearson** —
5 (1) 03 **KIAH 14** B Meehan 9-2 ..... **Joe Leavy** ●99
6 (3) 90 **PHILLIPA 15** J Horton 9-2 ..... **Clifford Lee 70**
7 (7) **SPIRITED GESTURE** J & T Gosden 9-2 ..... **Robert Havlin** —

BETTING: 15-8 Haleema, 5-2 Spirited Gesture, 3 Asheyra, 13-2 Jessica, 10 Kiah
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 5 2 1 3
2025: Inis Mor 9-2 Sean Levey 11-2 (D Menuisier) drawn 6, 5 ran.

3.23 RACING TV HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-O; value to the winner £6,442; 7f (6 runners)

1 -42761 **TRYST 17 (D)**
(1) G Boughey 9-11 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 93
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £17,243
Enjoyed drop to this trip Yarm latest, up 7lb but Billy takes over, player

2 -40311 **SIERRA SANDS 22 (CD)**
(3) E Dunlop 9-8 ..... **Robert Havlin** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 2 £30,364
On hat-trick, thriving at 7f and still looks fairly treated despite latest rise

3 255124 **SPIRIT OF SAXONY 28 (D)**
(5) E J-Houghton 9-8 ..... **Charles Bishop** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £14,249
Better than latest, solid 7f form and current mark keeps him in picture

4 5-2322 **HARDY'S HERO 9 (P★;BF)**
(6) W Haggas 9-5 ..... **Cieren Fallon** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £29,709
Chinned last twice, mark unchanged and c'pieces on, taken seriously

5 121512 **LION OF MALI 22 (D)**
(4) J Fanshawe 8-11 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 3 £25,950
Four hcap wins already this year, neck behind Sierra last time, go close

6 84-767 **ELECTRICAL 31**
(2) B Toomey 8-10 ..... **Joe Leavy** 85
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) £7,241
Newbury debut win last July but has struggled all starts since, avoid

BETTING: 5-2 Lion of Mali, 7-2 Hardy's Hero, 9-2 Sierra Sands, Spirit Of Saxony, Tryst, 25 Electrical
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-4-8
2025: Rogue Diplomat 9-8, H Davies 7-2 Fav (J Owen), drw 6, 10 ran.

3.58 RACING WELFARE HANDICAP (3) value to the winner £10,308; 1m 4f (8 runners)

1 4513-7 **HAKU 185 (D)**
(7) M Loughnane 7-9-9 ... **Charles Bishop** 89
Runs: 40 Wins: 10 (10A) Places: 9 £93,232
All wins on AW and will surely need this first run since Jan, others preferred

2 1-1313 **WAY OF LIFE 15 (D)**
(4) J Portman 8-9-9 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5)** 95
Runs: 58 Wins: 9 (8A,G) Places: 21 £97,221
Goes well for this pilot, third to Al Ahli (has franked form) here latest, in mix

3 313114 **SIXPACK 27 (C,D)**
(3) J Owen 6-9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 94
Runs: 25 Wins: 5 (2F,GS,2G) Places: 9 £52,296
Three wins this term, latest flop on AW ignored, return to turf suit better

4 64-563 **ARQOOB 29 (B;C,D)**
(8) L Wadham 8-9-7 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 97
Runs: 42 Wins: 5 (4F,A) Places: 10 £135,864
Better at Sandown latest (1m6f), needs to back that up, e-w claims if so

5 -04566 **GREEK ORDER 33**
(5) M Bell 6-9-6 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 98
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 6 £147,487
Nearly three years since last win, can make a case for him but risky bet

6 40-633 **DIVINE KNIGHT 21**
(1) W Haggas 5-9-4 ..... **Cieren Fallon** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £19,452
Not disgraced last twice (shade too keen Ascot latest), won't be far away

7 9364-1 **ALMEKAREM 10**
(2) Sir M Prescott 4-8-13 **Rhys Clutterbuck** 94
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £11,072
Lingers win latest (back from break), 4lb rise fair and yard in form, go well

8 43-522 **FIRST OFFICER 21 (CD)**
(6) J Chapple-Hyam 7-8-12 **Alexandra Egan (7)** 96
Runs: 42 Wins: 6 (2S,3F,GS) Places: 10 £89,655
C&D winner, lost little in defeat here latest, rider value for 7lb claim, threat

BETTING: 2 Divine Knight, 9-2 Haku, 5 First Officer, 6 Way Of Life, 15-2 Arqoob, 11 Almekarem, 12 Sixpack, 16 Greek Order
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Beylerbeyi 5-9-2, B Loughnane 9-4 (I Williams), drw 5, 8 ran.

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HAKU (9-7) 16-1 led 2f out, headed 1f out, weakened, 7th of 10 (btn 8½l) to Whitcombe Rockstar (8-11) (Kempton 1m 3f hcap (2) £13,608 AW).
WAY OF LIFE (9-9) 14-1 raced in 2nd, outpaced final 110yds, 3rd of 6 (btn 3½l) to Al Aali (10-0) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap (3) £9,020 good to firm).
SIXPACK (9-9) 8-1 lost touch 3f out, 4th of 5 (well btn) to Boatswain (9-7) (Southwell 2m hcap (3) £7,966 AW).
ARQOOB (10-4) 12-1 led 2f out, headed 1f out, soon no extra, 3rd of 8 (btn 2l) to Marnier (10-1) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (4) £6,281 good).
GREEK ORDER (10-0) 8-1 in rear, minor headway final 110yds, 6th of 8 (btn 4l) to Twisting Physics (9-10) (Windsor 1¼m hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
DIVINE KNIGHT (9-12) 7-4 led after 1f, headed final 100yds, 3rd of 6 (btn 3½l) to Galilean Quality (9-2) (Ascot 1¾m hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
ALMEKAREM (10-2) 13-2 led 1f out, asserted near finish, bt What's The Plan (9-7) ¾l (4 ran) (Lingfield 1¼m hcap (5) £3,978 good to firm).
FIRST OFFICER (9-0) 5-1 went well clear with winner final furlong, held towards finish, btn ½l by Parisian Scholar (8-10) (5 ran) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap (4) £15,462 good to firm).

4.33 NATIONAL STUD FILLIES' HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £6,542; 1m 2f. (4 runners)

1 (3) 62-412 **FOOD FOR THOUGHT 21 (D)** R Beckett 3-9-9 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck** ●99
2 (4) 210-235 **THALUNA 21** W Haggas 3-9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon** 97
3 (1) 2-625 **HOLLYWELL STREAM 24** J Chapple-Hyam 3-9-7 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 95
4 (2) 3-11565 **VALKYRIE STORM 12** E J-Houghton 3-9-2 ..... **Charles Bishop** 92

BETTING: 11-10 Food For Thought, 9-4 Thaluna, 10-3 Hollywell Stream
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.10 BRITISH RACING SCHOOL HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £5,154; 5f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 7323823 **MERRIMACK 5 (V;D)** S Williams 5-9-13 ..... **Chloe Lyons (7)** 98
2 (4) -865511 **SILKY ROBIN 40 (B;D)** B Toomey 5-9-12 ..... **Joe Leavy** ●99
3 (3) 2124704 **TUSCAN POINT 15 (E;D)** A Kirby 4-9-11 ..... **William Carson** 89
4 (2) 5431-53 **SOUND AND VISION 14 (T★;D)** E Walker 3-9-10 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 94
5 (5) 66/4111 **DOTTIE DIAMOND 11 (D)** W Stone 4-9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 97
6 (1) 4-36496 **ANGEL SUMMER 5** P Owens 3-8-10 ..... **Cieren Fallon** 85

BETTING: 2 Merrimack, 5-2 Silky Robin, 4 Sound And Vision, 9-2 Dottie Diamond
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 3
2025: Mary Shoelaces 4-9-1 A Egan 4-1 (E & P Harty(Ire)) drawn 1, 8 ran.

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TIC-TAC: A tricky right-handed undulating switchback track with two bends. There is a straight 5f track. **DRAW:** Low numbers best in sprints, though a fast start is equally important.
FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 246 have won out of 701 races (35%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 53 have won out of 230 races (23%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6.
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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 8 wins from 21 runners; J Owen 16 from 47; J & T Gosden 7 from 21; K R Burke 10 from 36; E Walker 10 from 40; J P O'Brien 15 from 69; R Hannon 11 from 52; A Balding 8 from 40; W Haggas 7 from 38.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: W Buick 10 wins from 33 rides; A Lewis 8 from 27; M Ghiani 9 from 34; D McMonagle 13 from 56; D Probert 7 from 34; C T Keane 10 from 53; J Hart 10 from 54; O Murphy 13 from 73.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: R & P Fahey 38; G Cromwell 32.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: D Egan 26; D Keenan 20; J Mason 19.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 A Balding 42-283, W Haggas 33-155, R Hannon 30-231, R Beckett 28-179, G & J Moore 23-179, J & T Gosden 21-134, C Appleby 15-59, C Johnston 15-142, D O'Meara 13-95, R Varian 13-113.
THIS SEASON: R Hannon 8, W Haggas 5, K R Burke 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 O Murphy 35-193, W Buick 30-189, T Marquand 29-223, K Shoemark 19-129, H Crouch 18-137, D Probert 18-161, R L Moore 17-101, J Doyle 14-129, J Watson 12-97, S Osborne 12-106.
THIS SEASON: S Osborne 3, R Hornby 3, R L Moore 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 4.10 Utmost Good Faith G Boughey to S C Williams.
RACEFAX: W Haggas won the 2.25 in 2020, 2023, 2024 & 2025. D O'Meara won the 3.35 in 2020 & 2023. A Balding won the 4.45 in 2021, 2022 & 2024. J & T Gosden won the 1.50 in 2022 & 2023 and 3.00 in 2016, 2019 & 2020.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Naval Light (4.10) & **Market Leader** (4.45) trained by K R Burke, Leyburn, round trip of 596 miles; **Align The Stars** (1.50) & **Thunder Wonder** (5.20) trained by C Johnston, Middleham, round trip of 582 miles; **Hammer The Hammer** (3.35), K Ryan, Hambleton, round trip 546 miles.

MONEY TALKS

MONEY TALKS: We're Goosers (4.10) opened 15-2 unplaced at 4-1f; **Al Aasy** (2.25) opened 4-7 won at 4-9f; **Point Of Contact** (5.20) opened 5-2 unplaced at 2-1f; **Crest of Fire** (5.20) opened 7-2 second at 11-4f; **Dark Thirty** (3.35) opened 17-2 second at 11-2.
TOP EARNERS:
3.35 **Annaf** £1,326,630
2.25 **Al Aasy** £642,808
2.25 **Ghostwriter** £530,007
1.50 **Burdett Road** £441,270
3.00 **Santorini Star** £423,800
3.35 **Two Tribes** £393,879

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Stratusnine (3.35) won at York (6f).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 3.35 West Acre; 4.10 Utmost Good Faith.
VISORED FIRST TIME: None.
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 5.20 **Thunder Wonder** (won off 92 down 6lb to 86).
JOB JOCKEYS: R L Moore rides **Completely Random** (3.35) for Harry Charlton, 8 from 18, 44%. C T Keane rides **Tarriance** (1.50) for A Balding, 16 from 44, 36%. K Shoemark rides **Far Above Dream** (3.35)**, Ammes** (5.20) for James Owen, 8 from 24, 33%. C Rodriguez rides **Waardah** (3.00) for Owen Burrows, 19 from 60, 32%. R L Moore rides **Amelia Earhart** (3.00)**, Speakers Corner** (4.45) for A P O'Brien, 658 from 2483, 27%. O Murphy rides **We're Goosers** (4.10) for H Palmer, 65 from 254, 26%.

1.50 HIGHCLERE CASTLE GIN SUMMER HANDICAP (Class 2) £61,848; 1m 6f (14 runners)

1 17-385 **TARRIANCE 78 (D)**
(12) A Balding 4-9-12 ..... **Colin Keane** 91
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £327,750
Below best in Group races lately, drop in class will help, interesting

2 4-1261 **ALIGN THE STARS 35 (CD)**
(10) C Johnston 5-9-8 ..... **Daniel Muscutt** 97
Runs: 26 Wins: 5 (F,2A,GS,G) Places: 5 £291,265
Plate hero at Newcastle, won this before and goes well for today's rider

3 293706 **BURDETT ROAD 28**
(7) J Owen 6-9-8 ..... **Mason Paetel (5)** 88
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (S,2F,A) Places: 4 £172,098
Recent efforts below best, return to this trip helps but needs old spark

4 229-36 **HOPEWELL ROCK 43 (BF)**
(9) G Boughey 4-9-8 ..... **Ryan Moore** 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 3 £50,035
Better than latest suggests, stays this far, Doyle has picked out Song

5 55-270 **STRESSFREE 46**
(3) D O'Meara 6-9-6 ..... **Tom Marquand** 90
Runs: 32 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 13 £177,547
Out of form recently but longer trip helps, ground is the main worry

6 -77774 **NESTHORN 21**
(13) G Baker 4-9-4 ..... **Benoit Sayette** 92
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 1 £140,361
Shaped better at Ascot latest, step up in trip could suit, place shout

7 37-364 **AERONAUTIC 46**
(5) J O'Brien (Ire) 5-9-4 .. **Dylan McMonagle** 98
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (A) Places: 4 £65,147
Good fourth at Royal Ascot, that's strong form, big run expected

8 24-407 **NIGHTIME DANCER 21 (B)**
(14) R Hannon 4-9-4 ..... **Sean Levey** 93
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £80,468
Recent form disappointing but step up in trip could be the making of him

9 71-325 **SING US A SONG 46 (C,D)**
(4) R Beckett 4-9-4 ..... **James Doyle** 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 2 £64,274
Running well in top hcaps, likes it here and more patient ride will help

10 1-2611 **VALEDICTORY 22 (CD)**
(6) J & T Gosden 4-9-2 ..... **William Buick** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 2 £93,783
Improver since stepping up in trip, won here in May, the one to beat

11 8-0451 **TOO SOON 56**
(1) G & J Moore 4-9-1 **Warren Fentiman (3)** 94
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 1 £83,080
Career best at Epsom last time, stays well but stamina to prove for 14f

12 651057 **BAHADUR 14 (C,D)**
(8) S Woods 4-9-0 ..... **David Egan** 92
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (3A,G) Places: 2 £42,937
Poor latest can be forgiven, likes it here and return to this trip gives hope

13 1199-6 **SMALL FRY 46 (D)**
(11) J O'Brien (Ire) 5-8-13 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 95
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (S,A,GS,2G) Places: 5 £79,425
Solid return in Ascot Stakes last time, today's shorter trip holds no fears

14 9-2385 **INCENSED 22**
(2) A Perrett 5-8-12 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 89
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (3A,G) Places: 4 £60,745
Better than latest, good ground suits, stamina for this trip not yet proven

BETTING: 4 Valedictory, 6 Sing Us A Song, 13-2 Aeronautic, 7 Small Fry, Hopewell Rock, 8 Align The Stars, 10 Tarriance, 14 Nightime Dancer, 16 Too Soon, 16 Stressfree, 20 Incensed
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2-4-9 1 1-2 1
2025: Sam Hawkens 4-8-10, T Marquand 4-1 Fav (W Haggas), drw 8, 14 ran.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

VALEDICTORY has really taken off since stepping up to this marathon trip in cheekpieces. He won over this course and distance before following up in a stronger Newmarket handicap, showing plenty of guts in a race that wasn't run to suit. Another 3lb rise still looks manageable and a stronger pace here could bring out even more improvement. **Sing Us A Song** rates the chief danger after another excellent fifth in the Copper Horse at Royal Ascot, where he was unlucky not to finish even closer after meeting trouble late. He's still lightly raced over staying trips and there should be some juice in his handicap mark. **Aeronautic** has a rock-solid profile in these valuable handicaps, finishing third in this race last year before another strong-finishing fourth at Royal Ascot. He looks sure to be involved again if things fall right. **Hopewell Rock** can't be ruled out. His Newmarket reappearance has worked out well and he travelled into contention at Royal Ascot before failing to see it out. The step up in trip is the question but his ability is not. **Align The Stars** won this race in 2024 and arrives on the back of a Northumberland Plate success. He's only 2lb higher than his win here and clearly relishes marathon handicaps. **Small Fry** caught the eye staying on from the rear in the Ascot Stakes and there are no worries about his staying power for in-form Joseph O'Brien while **Tarriance** has the class if rediscovering the level that saw him win last year's Melrose over this trip at York.

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EACH-WAY THIEF

AERONAUTIC (1.50 Goodwood) was a good fourth in the Copper Horse at Royal Ascot and has had a break since. Have an each-way double with GHOST MODE (4.10 Goodwood) who is quirky and this track could bring out the best in him.

Sunracing FORM

TARRIANCE (9-3) 25-1 raced in last, shaken up 2f out, weakened 1f out, 5th of 7 (btn 7^{3}/$_{4}$l) to Rahiebb (9-3) (York 1^{3}/$_{4}$m Grp 2 (1) £102,078 good).
ALIGN THE STARS (9-6) 10-1 close up, led 1f out, in command finish, bt Kirchner (8-12) 1^{1}/$_{4}$l **BAHADUR** (9-3) 9-1 in touch, no extra inside final furlong, 5th (btn 3^{1}/$_{4}$l) (20 ran) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £77,310 AW).
BURDETT ROAD (9-12) 22-1 front rank, faded 1f out, 6th of 12 (btn 7l) to Sportingsilvermine (8-9) (Newmarket 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £64,425 good to firm).
HOPEWELL ROCK (9-8) 3-1 fav keen, midfield, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 17 (btn 8l) to Opportunity (9-7) **NESTHORN** (9-6) 100-1 midfield, kept on same pace 1f out, 7th (btn 9l) **BURDETT ROAD** (9-12) 40-1 slowly away, in rear, one pace 1f out, 10th (btn 12l) **NIGHTIME DANCER** (9-9) 9-1 weakened over 2f out, 14th (well btn) (Ascot 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
AERONAUTIC (9-9) 12-1 front rank, kept on final furlong, not pace to challenge, 4th of 16 (btn 2^{3}/$_{4}$l) to Daiquiri Bay (9-12) **SING US A SONG** (9-9) 6-1 keen, led 3f out, headed 1f out, rallying when hampered inside final furlong, not recover, 5th (btn 3l) **INCENSED** (9-6) 40-1 plugged on final furlong, 8th (btn 7l) **STRESSFREE** (9-12) 22-1 faded 1f out, 11th (btn 12l) (16 ran) (Ascot 1^{3}/$_{4}$m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
NESTHORN (10-0) 9-1 midfield, kept on final furlong, 4th of 8 (btn 2^{3}/$_{4}$l) to Tryfan (8-11) **NIGHTIME DANCER** (10-2) 4-1 behind, 7th (btn 11l) (Ascot 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £24,300 good to firm).
VALEDICTORY (9-1) 7-2 held up, led final furlong, kept on well, bt Roaring Legend (9-12) nk (10 ran) (Newmarket 1^{3}/$_{4}$m (2) £51,540 good to firm).
TOO SOON (8-5) 17-2 midfield, led over 1f out, sustained duel with runner-up final furlong, asserted near finish, bt Night Breeze (8-11) 1^{1}/$_{4}$l (13 ran) (Epsom 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £38,655 soft).
BAHADUR (9-10) 6-1 prominent, lost place 2f out, weakened 1f out, last of 7 to Shrimp Shady (9-3) (Newbury 2m hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
SMALL FRY (9-4) 12-1 in touch, bit to do 1f out, never near to challenge, 6th of 20 (btn 3^{1}/$_{4}$l) to Kizlyar (9-3) **BAHADUR** (9-5) 14-1 midfield, lost short of room 2f out, kept on same pace 1f out, 10th (btn 8l) (Ascot 2^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
INCENSED (9-10) 11-2 held up, outpaced 2f out, took 4th final strides, 5th of 7 (6l) to Hoseki (8-2) (Ascot 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (3) £25,770 good).

1:50 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	TARRIANCE	3	4	5	4	1	2	4	1	24/40
2	ALIGN THE STARS	3	2	3	3	3	4	2	2	22/40
3	BURDETT ROAD	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	20/40
4	HOPEWELL ROCK	3	2	3	2	4	3	4	5	26/40
5	STRESSFREE	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	14/40
6	NESTHORN	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	12/40
7	AERONAUTIC	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	4	17/40
8	NIGHTIME DANCER	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	15/40
9	SING US A SONG	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	29/40
10	VALEDICTORY	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	38/40
11	TOO SOON	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	14/40
12	BAHADUR	4	4	2	2	2	1	3	3	21/40
13	SMALL FRY	3	3	4	4	4	3	1	4	26/40
14	INCENSED	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	3	15/40

2.25 CORAL GLORIOUS STAKES (GROUP 3) value to the winner £62,381; 1m 4f (8 runners)

1 159-21 **AL AASY 28 (CD)**
(8) W Haggas 9-9-3 ..... **Tom Marquand** ●99
Runs: 30 Wins: 12 (S,3F,4GS,4G) Places: 7 £642,808
Dual winner of this race, back to form latest, loves it here, big chance

2 543-38 **ENFJAAR 46 (H)**
(2) R Varian 6-9-3 ..... **Ray Dawson** 90
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (2A,2GS) Places: 3 £188,660
Below best over shorter at Royal Ascot, stamina to prove for new trip

3 /463-0 **GHOSTWRITER 46**
(4) K De Foy 5-9-3 ..... **David Egan** 96
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 2 £530,007
Needed the run at Royal Ascot after break, capable of better, shortlist

4 013463 **INVOLVEMENT 28**
(6) S & E Crisford 5-9-3 ..... **William Buick** 88
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £149,797
No match for Al Aasy at Beverley latest, needs another step at this level

5 2-2976 **KING'S GAMBIT 28**
(3) H Charlton 5-9-3 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 93
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 5 £322,400
Pacemaker in Eclipse, talented in own right, chance if he settles early

6 4-6944 **MIDAK 14 (H)**
(7) I Williams 4-9-3 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 85
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) £73,751
Showed a bit more spark at Newbury, longer trip will suit but big ask

7 49-311 **OPPORTUNITY 43 (D)**
(1) W Haggas 4-9-3 ..... **James Doyle** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £113,818
Progressive, easy hcap win at Royal Ascot last time, strongly fancied

8 122-91 **IN MY TEENS 34 (H;D)**
(5) G Cromwell (Ire) 4-9-0 ... **Oisin Murphy** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £67,355
Wide-margin hcap winner latest, unexposed at this trip and top rider up

BETTING: 13-8 Al Aasy, 3 Opportunity, 5 Ghostwriter, 8 King's Gambit, 10 Enfjaar, In My Teens, 20 Involvement, 33 Midak
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 4 1
2025: Al Aasy 8-9-6, Jim Crowley 13-8F (W Haggas), drw 6, 5 ran.

2:25 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	AL AASY	5	4	4	5	4	5	2	3	32/40
2	ENFJAAR	3	2	2	2	3	3	5	1	21/40
3	GHOSTWRITER	3	2	4	4	3	2	4	1	23/40
4	INVOLVEMENT	1	1	3	2	2	2	4	5	20/40
5	KING'S GAMBIT	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	16/40
6	MIDAK	2	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	14/40
7	OPPORTUNITY	4	5	5	4	5	4	2	2	31/40
8	IN MY TEENS	3	3	3	3	4	4	2	4	26/40

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TOM PEPPER	Hopewe
THE JUDGE	Aeron
EAMONN HAMES	Smal
SUNRATINGS	Valedict
TRACKMAN	Valedi
MATT CHAPMAN	Smal
EACH-WAY THIEF	Aeron

LIVE ON ITV: 1.5

Sunracing FORM

AL AASY (9-2) 4-9 fav held up, closed 4f out, travelling well but waiting for room 2f out, ran on well when in clear inside final furlong, led final 110yds, ran on well, eased towards finish, comfortably, bt By The Book (9-2) 1^{1}/$_{4}$l **INVOLVEMENT** (9-2) 17-2 raced in 3rd, pushed along 1f out, outpaced by leading pair, kept on one pace towards finish, 3rd (btn 3^{1}/$_{4}$l) (5 ran) (Beverley 1^{1}/$_{2}$m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
KING'S GAMBIT (9-5) 12-1 towards rear, pushed along 1f out and kept on, hampered final furlong, ran on again, never on terms, 7th of 16 (btn 4^{1}/$_{2}$l) to Map Of Stars (9-5) **ENFJAAR** (9-5) 12-1 raced keenly in mid-division, pushed along 3f out, ridden 1f out, never threatened, 8th (btn 4^{3}/$_{4}$l) **GHOSTWRITER** (9-5) 9-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened, 12th (6^{1}/$_{2}$l) (16 ran) (Ascot 1^{1}/$_{2}$m Listed (1) £70,888 good to firm).
KING'S GAMBIT (9-9) 100-1 midfield, weakened 2f out, 6th of 7 (well btn) to Constitution River (8-13) (Sandown 1^{1}/$_{2}$m Grp 1 (1) £560,200 good to firm).
MIDAK (9-8) 12-1 midfield, asked for effort over 2f out, soon beaten, 4th of 5 (btn 4^{1}/$_{2}$l) to Persica (9-8) (Newbury 1^{1}/$_{4}$m Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).
OPPORTUNITY (9-7) 6-1 rear of midfield, pushed along 2f out, led final furlong, kept on well inside final furlong, bt Warrant Holder (9-12) 1^{3}/$_{4}$l (17 ran) (Ascot 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
IN MY TEENS (9-11) 9-1 rear of mid-division, headway to lead travelling well 2f out, soon ridden clear, very easily, bt This Songisforyou (9-12) 7l (13 ran) (Curragh 1^{1}/$_{2}$m hcap €60,000 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

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OPPORTUNITY knocks for William Haggas who has won four of the past six runnings. This lightly raced four-year-old has looked a different proposition since being gelded, winning readily at Carlisle before producing a polished display in the Duke of Edinburgh at Royal Ascot. He travelled strongly, quickened decisively and was well on top at the line, suggesting this step into Group 3 company is well within reach. **Al Aasy** has won the past two runnings and should go well. The nine-year-old showed plenty of his old sparkle landing a Listed at Beverley and his record here demands utmost respect despite his age. **In My Teens** is a fascinating runner after cruising to a big-field Curragh handicap by seven lengths. That was her first attempt at this sort of trip on the Flat and she looked a filly with plenty in hand, making her a serious threat if backing up that performance. **Ghostwriter** was entitled to need his first run for a year in the Wolferton and has Group 1 form from last season that puts him right in the mix. **Enfjaar** needs to improve for this step up in distance as does **King's Gambit** who has ability but probably wants it softer.

LONG SHOT OF THE DAY

STRATUSNINE (3.35 Goodwood) won nicely in a big field at York last time and will be fine over the extra furlong.

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WAARDAH c
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Goodwood, n

Classy trainer (*inset*) has given promising comeb May and we k track are ideal.

Last year's se the biggest threa fast ground with whole field in th

Here's my guid

SANTORIN

STAR quality. C beat the boys i Stakes before goi Group 1 glory a similar trip. Her best overlooked over an inadequa cheekpieces. Back the headgear, she ing straight bac want it too fast.

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GOODWOOD 2026

in association with William HILL

OLOURS AND SUNFORM

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

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ell Rock	Ghostwriter	Consent	MITBAAHY (nap)	Wild Desert (nb)	Regency Royal	Crest Of Fire
nautic	Al Aasy (nb)	Amelia Earhart	EVENING SAIGON (nap)	We're Goosers	Leadlight	Spell Master
ll Fry	OPPORTUNITY (nap)	Waardah	Hammer The Hammer (nb)	Naval Light	Leadlight	Great Chieftain
ory (nb)	Al Aasy	Waardah	FAR ABOVE DREAM (nap)	We're Goosers	Charted Course	Blue Courvoisier
ictory	Opportunity (nb)	Consent	TWO TRIBES (nap)	We're Goosers	Regency Royal	Blue Courvoisier
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egate's guide to the Group 3 Lillie Langtry Stakes

AAR HORSE

's top stayer can defend her Langtry crown

CHAMP . . . Waardah (*left*) can repeat last year's win in the Lilly Langtry

an defend her y crown (3.00 b).

r Owen Burrows her a rest since a back at Carlisle in now this trip and

cond **Danielle** looks t again if handling h pretty much the e battle for third. e to the race:

II STAR ★★★

Genuine mare who n the Jockey Club ng within a neck of at Longchamp over Hardwicke defeat is after racing wide te 1m4f in first-time up in trip without 's capable of bounc- but she wouldn't

ENT ★★★

class staying filly

By **STEVE MULLEN**

whose rapid rise last autumn culminated in a dominant Group 1 success in the Prix de Royallieu after reversing Park Hill form with **Santorini Star**. Her reappearance was disappointing, but she looked in need of the run after eight months off and has had plenty of time to recover. The big question is faster ground, having never raced on anything firmer than good but she's a player if handling it.

DANIELLE ★★★★

DAN dares. Chased home Waardah in this race 12 months ago before ending last season with a commanding Listed success and returning with a polished Group 3 victory at York. Tough, genuine and consistent, she rarely runs a bad race at this level. The only slight concern is that she's been comfortably beaten on her only previous start on good to firm ground but another bold bid looks likely at a track she handles.

GOODIE TWO SHOES ★★★

SHOES has boot. Third in this race last year before producing a career-best effort when runner-up in the Melbourne Cup. She left a below-par comeback behind with an excellent second in a Fairyhouse Group 3, looking as good as ever. Unproven on ground quicker than good and likely to need the main principals to underperform, but another place is well within reach.

LITTLE DORRIT ★

LITTLE hope. Has run respectably in Listed company this season and shapes as though this longer trip is worth exploring. However, she's yet to produce anything approaching this level and would need a dramatic leap forward to trouble this proven Group-class field. Ruled out yesterday.

WAARDAH ★★★★★

GO to Waar. Last year's winner returns looking the one to beat after an good comeback second behind subsequent Group 1 winner Estrange at Carlisle, a run that came over an inadequate 1m3f. She won twice at this tricky track last summer, including this race, and the return to 1m6f looks a major plus. Still lightly raced for a four-year-old, she's proven under these conditions and can successfully defend her crown.

AMELIA EARHART ★★★

ALL Hart. Cheshire Oaks winner who looked a Classic filly in the making after her seasonal return but she's been firmly put in her place in both the Oaks and Irish Oaks since. The step up to 1m6f offers hope of improvement and she's won around Chester on quick which bodes well for here. Bit to find on form.

3.00 LILLIE LANGTRY STAKES (FILLIES & MARES' GROUP 2) £170,130; 1m 6f (7 runners)

1 12-120 **SANTORINI STAR 42 (C)**
(4) W Haggas 5-9-12 . . . . . **Tom Marquand 97**
Runs: 14 Wins: 7 (3F,2A,GS,G) Places: 2 £423,800
Forgive latest run, likes it here and return to this trip brings major claims

2 1221-9 **CONSENT 72 (D)**
(3) Sir M Prescott 4-9-9 . . . . . **Luke Morris 96**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (GS,2G) Places: 3 £214,030
Group 1 winner last season, below best on seasonal return, can do better

3 2451-1 **DANIELLE 70 (D)**
(2) J & T Gosden 5-9-9 . . . . . **William Buick 98**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2S,G) Places: 5 £226,197
Runner-up in this last year, Group 3 winner at York on return, go close

4 132-82 **GOODIE TWO SHOES 24 (D)**
(1) J O'Brien (Ire) 7-9-9 . . **Dylan McMonagle 96**
Runs: 14 Wins: 6 (5G) Places: 4 £156,962
No excuses when third in this last year, runner-up in Melbourne Cup, respected

5 548-54 **LITTLE DORRIT 14**
(7) R Varian 4-9-9 . . . . . **non-runner 85**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) £16,056
Plenty to find on figures, likely stayer but plenty to prove, doesn't go

6 4118-2 **WAARDAH 63 (CD)**
(6) O Burrows 4-9-9 . . . . **Callum Rodriguez ●99**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (2S,GS) Places: 1 £245,022
Solid comeback over inadequate trip, won this last year and very classy

7 41-165 **AMELIA EARHART 14**
(5) A O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-13 . . . . . **Ryan Moore 92**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 3 £118,713
Won Cheshire Oaks but limitations exposed at Group 1 level, bit to find

BETTING: 5-2 Waardah, 4 Danielle, Santorini Star, 9-2 Consent, 15-2 Goodie Two Shoes, 8 Amelia Earhart

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 4 8 4

2025: Waardah 3-8-13, C Rodriguez 7-2 (O Burrows), drw 3, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

SANTORINI STAR (9-0) 16-1 raced wide in midfield, ridden 4f out, weakened over 2f out, last of 12 (well btn) to Giavellotto (9-3) (Ascot 1¼m Grp 2 (1) £141,775 good to firm).

SANTORINI STAR (8-10) 13-2 led, headed 1f out, soon rallied, kept on towards finish, btn sh hd by Caballo De Mar (8-13) **CONSENT** (8-10) 8-1 keen, in touch with leaders, weakened 2f out, last (btn 15l) (Longchamp 1m 7f Grp 1 (1) £188,893 soft).

DANIELLE (9-2) 1-2 fav led after 2 furlongs, ridden 2f out, kept on well, bt Miss Alpilles (9-2) 1¾l (7 ran) (York 1¼m fll Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good).

GOODIE TWO SHOES (9-9) 11-4 rear of mid division, headway to lead 2f out, strongly pressed 1f out, headed 50 yards out, no extra, btn 1¼l by Floresta (9-9) (9 ran) (Fairyhouse 1¾m Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).

LITTLE DORRIT (9-6) 7-1 soon raced in 2nd, pushed along 2f out, ridden over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 4th of 9 (btn 2¾l) to Brielle (9-6) (Newmarket 1¼m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).

WAARDAH (9-2) 4-1 took keen hold, tracked leaders, led 2f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, kept on but no match for winner, btn 1¼l by Estrange (9-2) (7 ran) (Carlisle 1m 3f fll Grp 3 (1) £70,888 good to firm).

AMELIA EARHART (9-2) 5-1 mid-division, ridden and headway 2f out, 3rd when carried right 1 ½f out, 4th and no impression when carried right again over 1f out, no extra, 5th of 10 (btn 8¼l) to Johanna Walsh (9-2) (Curragh 1¼m Grp 1 (1) €289,999 good to firm).

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1	SANTORINI STAR	5	3	5	3	2	1	1	1	21/40
2	CONSENT	4	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	18/40
3	DANIELLE	3	2	2	1	5	5	5	4	27/40
4	GOODIE TWO SHOES	4	4	3	5	3	2	1	2	24/40
5	LITTLE DORRIT	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	15/40
6	WAARDAH	5	5	4	4	1	4	3	3	29/40
7	AMELIA EARHART	4	4	3	1	4	3	4	5	28/40

★ **FORGET wading through the form. Our traffic lights score every runner out of 40 on the eight things that decide races – course, distance, going, class, form, speed, trainer and jockey. Like traffic lights, green is for go, amber is so-so and red spells danger. The more green the better. Jockeys and trainers are compared against each other's records. The top scorer in each race is the tip – selections that score 35 or more have a particularly strong record.**

REST OF DAY FIVE COLOURS

Favourite GLORIOUS

MORE OF YOUR DAY FIVE LINE-UP WITH ALL

3.35 CORAL STEWARDS' CUP (HERITAGE HCAP) (2) winner £128,850; 6f (28 runners)

1 -12333 **SOLDIER'S TREE** 14 (BF)
(20) J Owen 5-9-12........**Mason Paetel (5)** 96
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £54,160
Consistent, third in Wokingham and Group 3 latet, can go well again

2 071201 **DUBAI BLING** 21 (D)
(2) H Palmer 4-9-11(6ex).....**William Buick** 97
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 5 £162,348
Back to winning ways at Ascot latest, Buick booked and one to watch

3 -11091 **NORTHERN CHAMPION** 21 (D)
(9) E Walker 3-9-9(6ex)... **Ashley Lewis (5)** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (S,2G) £203,728
Won Listed race at Chester latest, 6lb penalty demands more, in the mix

4 /2-052 **MITBAAHY** 14 (D)
(25) C Hills 7-9-8............**Jamie Spencer** 97
Runs: 26 Wins: 6 (S,GS,4G) Places: 6 £266,969
Back in form lately, fifth in Wokingham and second in Grp 3, go close

5 824-53 **WEST ACRE** 183 (B★)
(17) G Scott 4-9-8 .... **Darragh Keenan** 92
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 4 £317,403
Highly tried, hcap mark not beyond him and gets blinkers for first time

6 3-0191 **SONDAD** 14 (V;D)
(21) M & D Easterby 5-9-8(6ex)**Joanna Mason** 97
Runs: 17 Wins: 6 (2S,2F,A,GS) Places: 4 £176,546
Career-best win at the Curragh latest, higher in weights but dangerous

7 120040 **RUN BOY RUN** 4 (V;D)
(24) R Spencer 5-9-7.........**George Wood** 91
Runs: 37 Wins: 6 (2S,F,2A) Places: 13 £342,862
Ayr Gold Cup winner season, fourth in this last year, 8lb higher today

8 200072 **TWO TRIBES** 7 (B;CD)
(13) R Spencer 5-9-6........... **David Egan** 96
Runs: 30 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 12 £393,879
Defending champ, back in form at Ascot latest, could do with rain

9 11060- **GET IT** 314 (CD)
(27) G Baker 8-9-6........... **Pat Cosgrave** 90
Runs: 44 Wins: 9 (5F,2A,2G) Places: 6 £376,934
Won this in 2024, likes to blaze a trail but could be too fresh on return

10 110020 **COMPLETELY RANDOM** 7 (D)
(11) H Charlton 5-9-6 .... **Ryan Moore** 97
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (4A,G) Places: 3 £154,057
Wokingham second reads well, failed to stay 7f last week, Ryan stays loyal

11 3321/2 **GARFIELD SHADOW** 25 (D)
(28) H Al Jehani 5-9-5......**Harry Vigors (5)** 95
Runs: 11 Wins: 5 (A,GS,3G) Places: 4 £128,994
Encouraging return at Ponte from absence, retains all of his old ability

12 59-161 **TUCO SALAMANCA** 35 (D)
(15) O Sangster 4-9-5....**Dylan McMonagle** 91
Runs: 18 Wins: 7 (S,6A) Places: 2 £121,443
Progressive on AW lately, turf from not as good but top Irish booked

13 2P2831 **STRATUSNINE** 7 (D)
(5) H Palmer 4-9-5(6ex) .....**David Probert** 95
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 7 £123,499
Touogh win in a hot race at York last week, 6lb higher but respected

14 760037 **ANNAF** 21 (D)
(6) M Appleby 7-9-4 ...... **Daniel Muscutt** 93
Runs: 48 Wins: 9 (2S,F,5A,G) Places: 10 £1,326,630
Showed a bit more spark at Ascot last month, return to 6f helps, e-w

15 5-3928 **INVICTUS GOLD** 33 (D)
(3) T Clover 4-9-4.......... **Jason Watson** 89
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 3 £68,041
Needs to leave latest behind, not the most consistent, needs a career best

16 631043 **FANDOM** 21 (D)
(22) R Hannon 5-9-3........... **Sean Levey** 91
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (4G) Places: 2 £251,320
Reliable, finished well over 5f at Ascot last time, each-way possibilities

17 01-114 **FAR ABOVE DREAM** 42 (CD)
(23) J Owen 4-9-3 .... **Kieran Shoemark** ●99
Runs: 14 Wins: 5 (S,4G) Places: 2 £86,846
Rapid improver, unbeaten in three starts at this track, strongly fancied

18 056-00 **HAMMER THE HAMMER** 42 (D)
(16) K Ryan 4-9-3.......... **Toby Moore (7)** 96
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 2 £76,788
Out of form recently, beaten fav in this last year, top apprentice up, e-w

19 17-918 **REALIGN** 42 (D)
(18) W Haggas 4-9-2....... **Tom Marquand** 95
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 2 £43,667
Won well at Carlisle, not as good in Wokingham last time, do better

20 310-60 **FLASH HARRY** 42 (CD)
(14) C Cox 4-9-2..........**Jack Nicholls (3)** 91
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 3 £43,515
6f and fast ground suit but recent form leaves questions to answer

21 4-0348 **BERKSHIRE WHISPER** 77 (D)
(19) A Balding 4-9-1.......... **Oisin Murphy** 90
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 3 £119,745
Better than latest suggests, 6f suits and could fare much better today

22 416-00 **CANDY** 4 (D)
(1) R Spencer 4-9-1... **Callum Hutchinson** 83
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 2 £149,031
Won Ayr Silver Cup last season, saddled slipped off here on Tues, bit to find

23 426562 **FERROUS** 15 (C,D)
(12) J Channon 6-9-1.....**Callum Rodriguez** 93
Runs: 28 Wins: 7 (F,S,5A) Places: 9 £213,857
Only beaten a nose at Hamilton latest, better on AW, hard to rule out

24 -25107 **KING OF LIGHT** 7 (D)
(7) S Williams 4-9-1(6ex)..... **Marco Ghiani** 88
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 4 £99,269
Disappointing since win at Windsor, penalty will anchor him, ignore

25 710212 **DARK THIRTY** 14 (D)
(8) J & S Quinn 6-9-0 ....**Jason Hart** 97
Runs: 40 Wins: 8 (F,7G) Places: 7 £209,221
Big return to form this season, second to Sondad at Curragh, thriving

26 10-127 **EVENING SAIGON** 42 (D)
(10) H Al Jehani 4-9-0.........**James Doyle** 98
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £36,322
Ran well here in May and not beaten far in Wokingham, dangerous

27 7-1115 **GOLD STAR HERO** 56 (D)
(4) M Bell 4-9-0............**Hector Crouch** 86
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (4A,GS) Places: 1 £36,137
Fair effort at Epsom last time, bit to prove on quicker ground, big ask

28 031604 **TOCA MADERA** 4 (D)
(26) D O'Meara 5-9-0 ....**Saffie Osborne** 87
Runs: 26 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 7 £116,192
Finished well for fourth here on Tuesday, stronger rivals today, up against it

BETTING: 6 Far Above Dream, 8 Two Tribes, 10 Tuco Salamanca, Soldier's Tree, Sondad, Dubai Bling, 12 Evening Saigon, 14 Annaf, Stratusnine, Mitbaahy, Dark Thirty, 16 Completely Random, 20 Get It, Fandom, Northern Champion, Realign, 25 West Acre, Flash Harry, Ferrous, 33 Toca Madera, Berkshire Whisper, Run Boy Run
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: PU 8 0 0 0
2025: Two Tribes 4-9-0, D Egan 11-2 (R Spencer), drw 25, 27 ran.

3:35 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
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2	DUBAI BLING	2	1	2	3	4	4	2	4	22/40
3	NORTHERN CHAMPION	2	1	3	4	1	5	3	3	22/40
4	MITBAAHY	2	1	2	3	1	3	1	3	16/40
5	WEST ACRE	2	2	4	4	2	1	5	1	21/40
6	SONDAD	2	4	3	4	3	4	1	1	22/40
7	RUN BOY RUN	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	1	13/40
8	TWO TRIBES	3	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	17/40
9	GET IT	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	17/40
10	COMPLETELY RANDOM	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	5	17/40
11	GARFIELD SHADOW	2	4	4	4	4	1	3	2	24/40
12	TUCO SALAMANCA	4	4	5	4	4	4	2	3	30/40
13	STRATUSNINE	2	3	3	2	4	4	2	1	21/40
14	ANNAF	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	10/40
15	INVICTUS GOLD	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	12/40
16	FANDOM	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	13/40
17	FAR ABOVE DREAM	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	2	33/40
18	HAMMER THE HAMMER	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	13/40
19	REALIGN	2	4	4	2	3	3	1	3	22/40
20	FLASH HARRY	4	3	4	3	2	1	2	2	21/40
21	BERKSHIRE WHISPER	2	2	1	2	2	1	4	4	18/40
22	CANDY	2	3	3	4	1	1	4	1	19/40
23	FERROUS	4	2	2	2	3	3	1	4	21/40
24	KING OF LIGHT	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	4	17/40
25	DARK THIRTY	1	3	4	1	3	3	1	2	18/40
26	EVENING SAIGON	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	22/40
27	GOLD STAR HERO	2	4	1	3	4	2	1	4	21/40
28	TOCA MADERA	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	12/40

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BIG-RACE EARLY PRICES

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	C	H	L	BF	SB	B	365	PP
Far Above Dream	7	7	7	6	13-2	7	7	7
Two Tribes	9	17-2	9	8	8	9	8	8
Sondad	12	12	12	10	10	12	12	11
Tuco Salamanca	12	12	12	10	9	12	12	10
Soldier's Tree	12	11	12	10	10	12	10	10
Dubai Bling	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Mitbaahy	14	14	14	12	14	14	14	14
Stratusnine	12	12	12	14	12	12	14	14
Completely Random	16	16	16	12	12	16	14	14
Evening Saigon	16	14	16	14	12	16	16	14
Dark Thirty	14	14	14	12	12	14	16	14
Annaf	16	16	16	12	11	16	16	11
Realign	20	18	20	20	14	20	16	16
Northern Champion	20	20	20	16	20	20	20	20
Fandom	20	22	20	14	20	20	20	20
Ferrous	20	22	20	14	16	20	20	20
Run Boy Run	25	25	25	22	22	25	25	25
Flash Harry	28	28	25	25	22	28	25	25
Get It	28	28	28	20	20	28	25	16
West Acre	22	25	22	33	20	22	20	20
Gold Star Hero	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Berkshire Whisper	33	33	33	25	22	33	25	25
Toca Madera	25	25	25	22	22	25	33	22
Hammer The Hammer	28	33	28	22	22	28	25	25
King Of Light	25	28	25	33	40	25	40	40
Invictus Gold	33	40	33	40	33	33	33	33
Candy	40	50	40	50	33	40	33	33
Garfield Shadow	50	50	50	33	40	50	40	40

C = Coral, H = William Hill, L = Ladbrokes, BF = Betfair, SB = SkyBet, B = Boylesports, 365 = Bet365, PP = Paddy Power

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MITBAAHY (9-9) 16-1 in touch, shaken up 1f out, took 2nd near finish, btn 1¼l by Symbol Of Honour (9-9) **SOLDIER'S TREE** (9-9) 7-4 fav keen, tracked leaders, challenged 1f out, kept on, 3rd (btn 1½l) (7 ran) (Newbury 6f Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).
DUBAI BLING (9-10) 12-1 midfield, headway final furlong, kept on well and led towards finish, bt Behike (9-4) sh hd **FANDOM** (9-7) 11-1 with leaders, went 3rd towards finish, never nearer, 3rd (btn ¾l) **RUN BOY RUN** (9-12) 10-1 handy, stayed on same pace final 110yds, 4th (btn 1l) **ANNAF** (9-9) 11-1 hnearest finish, 7th (btn 1½l) **TOCA MADERA** (9-5) 28-1 weakened final furlong, 12th (btn 4¾l) **KING OF LIGHT** (9-3) 9-1 always behind, last (15l) (15 ran) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £51,540 good).
NORTHERN CHAMPION (8-13) 13-2 prominent, shaken up 2f out, led final 110yds, just held on, bt Dash Of Azure (9-2) nk (9 ran) (Chester 7f Listed (1) £34,026 good).
TWO TRIBES (9-0) 5-1 in touch, went 2nd over 1f out, kept on, btn 1¼l by Great Wish (9-0) **WEST ACRE** (9-3) 5-1 in rear, went 3rd inside final 110yds, 3rd (btn 2¼l) **RUN BOY RUN** (9-0) 25-1 weakened final furlong, 7th (btn 5¼l) (14 ran) (Meydan 6f Listed £65,217 good).
SONDAD (9-10) 9-2 fav mid-division, challenged final furlong, led final 75 yards, kept on well, bt **DARK THIRTY** (9-9) 11-2 prominent, led 1f out, soon headed final 75 yards, kept on, ½l (20 ran) (Curragh 6f hcap €60,000 good to firm).
TOCA MADERA (9-3) 11-1 chased leaders, chance 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th of 23 (btn 1½l) to Twilight Calls (8-12) **RUN BOY RUN** (9-3) 14-1 mid-division, no progress and hampered 110yds out, 14th (btn 3¾l) **CANDY** (9-2) 40-1 saddle slipped and eased 2f out, last (btn) (23 ran) (Goodwood 5f hcap (2) £38,655 good).
TWO TRIBES (9-12) 28-1 ran on well 1f out, nearest finish, btn 1¼l by Amazing Journey (8-10) **COMPLETELY RANDOM** (9-12) 8-1 pushed along 2f out, found nil, 13th (btn 6¾l) (16 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
GET IT (9-12) 18-1 prominent, lost place 2f out, weakened, last of 14 (11l) to Azure Angel (8-12) (Southwell 5f hcap (2) £39,255 AW).
GARFIELD SHADOW (9-13) 5-1 stayed on final furlong, btn 4½l by Badri (9-4) (6 ran) (Pontefract 6f hcap (2) £13,400 good to firm).
TUCO SALAMANCA (9-10) 13-2 held up, stayed on strongly to lead final 110yds, ran on, bt Strike Red (8-10) ¾l **ANNAF** (9-11) 14-1 midfield, progress 1f out, went 3rd near finish, 3rd (¾l) (14 ran) (Newcastle 6f hcap (2) £25,770 AW).
STRATUSNINE (9-7) 10-3 fav chased leaders, led 2f out, kept on well, bt Coul Angel (9-4) ½l (21 ran) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
KING OF LIGHT (9-7) 17-2 midfield, headway to lead final furlong, kept on strongly, bt Coul Angel (9-9) 3½l **FANDOM** (10-1) 9-4 fav prominent, weakened final 110yds, 4th (btn 5½l) **INVICTUS GOLD** (10-2) 17-2 kept on same pace 1f out, 8th (btn 8½l) (10 ran) (Windsor 6f hcap (2) £15,462 good to firm).
COMPLETELY RANDOM (9-2) 12-1 held up, headway 1f out, ran on well, just held, btn hd by Double Rush (9-9) **SOLDIER'S TREE** (9-11) 11-1 in touch, ridden to challenge over 1f out, kept on well, 3rd (btn 1¼l) **FAR ABOVE DREAM** (9-3) 28-1 midfield, headway 1f out, kept on well, 4th (btn 1½l) **MITBAAHY** (9-8) 50-1 slowly away, held up, headway 2f out, kept on well, 5th (btn 2½l) **EVENING SAIGON** (9-1) 25-1 midfield, no extra final 50yds, 7th (btn 3¾l) **REALIGN** (9-1) 12-1 mid-division, hung left and no extra final furlong, 8th (btn 4¼l) **SONDAD** (9-1) 28-1 mid-division, no extra final 50yds, 9th (btn 4¼l) **DUBAI BLING** (9-6) 20-1 plugged on final 50yds, 10th (btn 4½l) **TWO TRIBES** (9-7) 33-1 midfield, kept on one pace 1f out, 12th (btn 4¾l) **FANDOM** (9-4) 50-1 weakened final furlong, 13th (btn 7l) **FLASH HARRY** (9-4) 33-1 weakened final furlong, 15th (btn 7¼l) **HAMMER THE HAMMER** (9-5) 22-1 faded final furlong, 16th (btn 7½l) **RUN BOY RUN** (9-9) 40-1 led, headed 1f out, weakened, 17th (btn 8¼l) **CANDY** (9-2) 50-1 weakened 2f out last (well btn) (27 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
FAR ABOVE DREAM (9-3) 17-2 midfield, stayed on strongly final furlong, led near finish, bt Mirabeau (9-2) ¾l **BERKSHIRE WHISPER** (9-6) 13-2 led, headed 1f out, one pace, 8th (btn 3¾l) **ANNAF** (9-12) 16-1 weakened final furlong, 13th (7¼l) (14 ran) (Newbury 6f hcap (2) £38,655 good).
FERROUS (10-0) 9-2 prominent, led 1f out, headed post, btn ns by Strike Red (9-5) (7 ran) (Hamilton 6f hcap (2) £19,328 good to firm).
KING OF LIGHT (9-11) 12-1 faded final 110yds, 7th of 13 (btn 2½l) to All Ways Glamorous (9-4) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
SONDAD (9-1) 11-2 held up, led final furlong, ran on, bt **INVICTUS GOLD** (9-8) 28-1 midfield, headway 1f out, took 2nd near finish, 1¾l **GOLD STAR HERO** (9-5) 18-1 prominent, faded final 110yds, 5th (btn 3¼l) (15 ran) (Epsom 6f hcap (2) £38,655 good to soft).

4.10 PHASE EIGHT HANDICAP (2) 3-Y-O; value to the winner £38,655; 7f (13 runners)

1 1232-6 **WILD DESERT** 23 (D)
(7) C Appleby 9-9 ....**William Buick** 98
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £25,195
Group-class last season, needed the run at Newmarket latest, do better

2 2-1687 **AQPAN** 70 (D)
(6) R Varian 9-3 .... **Ray Dawson** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £15,116
Struggled at a higher level, stays 7f and can do better down in class

3 21-610 **WE'RE GOOSERS** 44 (BF,D)
(2) H Palmer 8-13........... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £17,952
Easy winner at Newmarket before Royal Ascot flop, worth another chance

4 146051 **UTMOST GOOD FAITH** 31 (B★;D)
(11) S Williams 8-11 ....**Jason Hart** 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (2A,G) £27,867
Given clever ride when winning at Epsom, blinkers may bring out more

5 -17906 **GHOST MODE** 23 (D)
(4) A Balding 8-11............ **Rob Hornby** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 3 £72,105
Stays 7f, big effort in a top hcap at Newmarket, needs to settle better

6 48-961 **EGOLI** 14 (P★;D)
(5) R Beckett 8-7 .... **David Egan** 95
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2F,G) £48,082
Quirky but talented, gritty win at Donny latest, cheekpieces now added

7 3-3811 **NAVAL LIGHT** 17 (D)
(8) K R Burke 8-6........**Jack Nicholls (3)** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 4 £50,656
Won last two starts for today's rider, strong at finish at Catterick, player

8 1-5531 **IRONWILL** 28 (D)
(10) S Williams 8-5........... **Marco Ghiani** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (S,2F) Places: 1 £23,434
Narrow winner at Newmarket latest, current mark has more scope in it

9 21-352 **PROUD NATION** 28 (D)
(13) R & P Fahey 8-5 .. **Warren Fentiman (3)** 95
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £26,471
Knocking on the door lately, closely matched with ironwill on latest run

10 -31127 **STARTLED** 49 (D)
(12) R Hughes 8-5.........**Harry Vigors (5)** 97
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 3 £59,282
Everything went wrong at Chester last time, back from break, shortlist

11 5121 **MARENGO STORM** 36 (P★;D)
(1) R Hughes 8-2............ **Luke Morris** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £14,935
Improving, steps up in class but cheekpieces may bring out more

12 075114 **START ME UP** 21 (D)
(3) R Spencer 8-2 ....**Saffie Osborne** 88
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 1 £32,179
Chester hat-trick bid fell short, 7f suits but hcapper may now have him

13 218871 **AY UP DUCK** 9 (D)
(9) M Appleby 8-2.......... **Nicola Currie** 85
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £14,057
Returned to form latest, but races 6lb out of the weights, tough task

BETTING: 7-2 We're Goosers, 6 Ghost Mode, 7 Wild Desert, 8 Startled, Naval Light, 10 Ironwill, 12 Proud Nation, Egoli, Aqpan, Marengo Storm, 16 Utmost Good Faith, 20 Start Me Up, Ay Up Duck
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 4 abd 7 0
2025: Mudbir 8-10, Jim Crowley 4-1 (J & T Gosden), drw 1, 16 ran.

Sunracing FORM

WILD DESERT (9-5) 9-2 prominent, outpaced 1f out, weakened, 6th of 7 (7¾l) to Shayem (9-5) (Newmarket 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
AQPAN (9-2) 50-1 behind, last of 7 (19l) to Venetian Sun (8-13) (Haydock 6f Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to soft).
WE'RE GOOSERS (9-1) 4-1 fav close up, ridden 2f out, weakening when carried right 1f out, last of 30 (btn 19l) to Moonfall (8-10) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £67,002 good to firm).
UTMOST GOOD FAITH (9-10) 6-1 started quickly and raced keenly, with leaders, led after 1f, pushed along 1f out, hung right but always doing enough towards finish, bt Sporting Light (8-12) 2¼l (10 ran) (Epsom 7f hcap (4) £6,281 good).
GHOST MODE (9-2) 18-1 led, headed 1f out, kept on one pace, 6th of 13 (btn 2¼l) to Jazl (9-3) (Newmarket 6f hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
EGOLI (9-6) 20-1 midfield, headway final furlong, sustained duel with runner-up final 110yds, led post, bt Yorkshire (10-3) ns (9 ran) (Doncaster 7f hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
NAVAL LIGHT (9-0) 7-2 raced in last, niggled along 2f out, went 2nd final furlong, led final 110yds, ran on, bt Woodstock (9-4) 1¾l (4 ran) (Catterick 7f hcap (4) £5,234 good).
IRONWILL (9-4) 2-1 fav took keen hold, held up, pushed along 2f out, headway to lead over 1f out, soon pressed, just held on post, bt **PROUD NATION** (9-2) 11-4 chased leaders, ridden to lead 1f out, soon headed, kept on well to press winner, just held post, sh hd (5 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (3) £8,100 good).
PROUD NATION (8-12) 10-1 took keen hold, held up, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, no danger, 5th of 9 (btn 2½l) to Jeddaal (8-4) **STARTLED** (8-12) 5-1 keen, midfield, hampered 2f out, minor headway final 110yds, 7th (btn 3½l) (9 ran) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £25,770 good to soft).
MARENGO STORM (9-6) 9-4 in rear, pushed along 3f out, ridden 2f out, strong run to lead inside final furlong, faced sustained duel last 110yds, just did enough, bt Hardy's Hero (9-4) hd (3 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
START ME UP (9-3) 5-2 midfield, pushed along 2f out, kept on, 4th of 9 (btn 4l) to Crazee Icon (8-11) (Chester 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
AY UP DUCK (9-4) 11-1 started awkwardly, in rear, headway 2f out., led final 110yds, readily, bt Alfa Duplicate (9-7) nk (8 ran) (Doncaster 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).

4:10 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS
5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	WILD DESERT	3	2	2	2	2	1	5	5	22/40
2	AQPAN	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	16/40
3	WE'RE GOOSERS	3	3	1	4	3	1	1	4	20/40
4	UTMOST GOOD FAITH	3	4	2	5	1	3	1	3	22/40
5	GHOST MODE	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	17/40
6	EGOLI	4	3	3	1	1	3	3	2	20/40
7	NAVAL LIGHT	2	2	1	1	4	4	4	3	21/40
8	IRONWILL	5	3	4	4	4	5	1	4	30/40
9	PROUD NATION	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	14/40
10	STARTLED	3	4	1	1	4	3	2	2	20/40
11	MARENGO STORM	3	5	5	2	5	4	2	1	27/40
12	START ME UP	3	4	3	2	3	2	2	4	23/40
13	AY UP DUCK	3	2	4	3	3	1	2	1	19/40

GOODWOOD 2026

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THE COLOURS AND VERDICTS

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

WE'RE GOOSERS is worth another chance for a Royal Ascot run that was simply too bad to be true. He looked a rapidly improving handicapper when demolishing a Newmarket field by nine and a half lengths over this trip, travelling powerfully before quickening right away. Gelded since that disappointing Britannia effort, he returns from a handy low draw and can bounce back. **Marengo Storm** made it two wins from just four starts at Newmarket. He's still learning his job but has gone up just 1lb and the first-time cheekpieces could unlock even more improvement. **Ghost Mode** has plenty of ability but has made life difficult for himself by being headstrong. Even so, his latest sixth in a strong Newmarket handicap was much more encouraging and he's run well at Goodwood before and quirky horses often like it here. **Egoli** has improved with each run this season and got off the mark in handicaps at Doncaster over this trip. First-time cheekpieces may help him find the more he needs, while **Proud Nation** was desperately unlucky not to score at Newmarket when beaten only a short head but has a dodgy draw. **Naval Light** has won his past two at lower levels and could show more, while **Startled** was a good second on his last run over C&D.

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4.45 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2) 2-Y-O; value to the winner £38,655; 7f (14 runners)

1 (11) 2 **AL WATHBA 21** — C Appleby 9-2 ..... non-runner 98
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £5,076
Promising second on debut, expected to go very close, pulled out

2 (13) **BUNDABERG** — G & J Moore 9-2 ..... David Egan —
Bred to improve for a trip and this is a demanding assignment on debut

3 (3) 20 **CHARTED COURSE 45** — R & P Fahey 9-2 ..... Jamie Spencer ●99
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £2,535
Not disgraced in Windsor Castle, makes plenty of appeal back in a maiden

4 (7) **DONTWORRYABOUTME** — C Hills 9-2 ..... Jason Watson —
Debutant with limited clues, experience likely to count against him

5 (6) **HOWZATT** — J Owen 9-2 ..... Luke Morris —
Well-related newcomer, 7f should suit but will need further in time

6 (12) 4 **LEADLIGHT 44** — J O'Brien (Ire) 9-2 ... Dylan McMonagle 98
Runs: 1 £1,240
Encouraging Irish debut, expected to step forward for that experience

7 (9) 44 **MAGI MELCHIOR 19 (BF)** — R Hannon 9-2 ..... Sean Levey 90
Runs: 2 £1,395
Fair efforts both starts, steps up to 7f but needs a big step forward

8 (8) 3 **MARKET LEADER 19 (BF)** — K R Burke 9-2 ..... James Doyle 97
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £1,268
Promising debut, 7f looks ideal and should improve significantly this time

9 (2) 443 **RAFE'S DA MAN 15** — R Hannon 9-2 ..... Pat Dobbs 94
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £3,550
Improving, good recent third over 7f and should stay competitive here

10 (10) 2 **REGENCY ROYAL 22** — A Balding 9-2 ..... Callum Hutchinson 96
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £3,626
Eye-catching debut second, 7f promises to suit well and major player

11 (5) **RUPERT THE BRAVE** — O Cole 9-2 ..... Tom Marquand —
Nicely bred newcomer, 7f likely to suit but experience may tell on debut

12 (14) 4 **SPEAKERS CORNER 14** — A O'Brien (Ire) 9-2 ..... Ryan Moore 98
Runs: 1 £1,033
Encouraging Curragh debut, expected to improve plenty for this test

13 (4) **SPEYSIDE** — H Palmer 9-2 ..... David Probert —
Well-bred newcomer, interesting but market may prove the best guide

14 (1) 6 **WALKIN ON THE MOON 21** — R Spencer 9-2 ..... Saffie Osborne 91
Runs: 1 £317
Green on debut, should leave that initial effort well behind, place hope

BETTING: 5-2 Speakers Corner, 4 Leadlight, 9-2 Regency Royal, 5 Charted Course, 8 Market Leader, 10 Rafe's da Man, 12 Magi Melchior, 16 Rupert The Brave, 33 Howzatt, Bundaberg, Dontworryaboutme, Walkin On The Moon, Speyside

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 2 abd 3 1

2025: Isaac Newton 9-2, R Moore 8-13 Fav (A P O'Brien Ire), drw 4, 12 ran.

PROBETS

PAST GLORIOUS GOODWOOD WINNERS:
1.50 Align The Stars; 2.25 Al Aasy; 3.00 Waardah; 3.35 Two Tribes, Get It; 5.20 Spell Master, Great Chieftain.

HANDICAP SNIP: PRINCE KAMEO (2.30 Doncaster) can improve massively on this handicap debut.

EYECATCHER: MR SWIVELL (2.08 Thirsk) was an excellent second in good company at York latest and should go close.

GAMBLED ON: WE'RE GOOSERS (4.10 Goodwood) was well backed before flopping at Royal Ascot last time out.

Sunracing FORM

AL WATHBA (9-2) 4-1 keen, prominent, pushed along 2f out, went 2nd over 1f out, kept on, btn 1¼l by Haffner (9-2) **WALKIN ON THE MOON** (9-2) 20-1 keen in rear, plugged on final furlong, 6th (6½l) (7 ran) (Newmarket 7f mdn (3) £10,823 good to firm).
CHARTED COURSE (9-2) 25-1 close up, carried left 1f out, plugged on final furlong, 10th of 25 (btn 4½l) to King Of Cloughan (9-2) (Ascot 6f Listed (1) £70,888 good to firm).
LEADLIGHT (9-9) 16-1 dwelt, towards rear, pushed along 2f out, 4th inside final furlong, kept on well, 4th of 10 (1½l) to Apollo's Comet (9-2) (Leopardstown 7f auct €18,000 good).
MAGI MELCHIOR (9-7) 5-2 fav held up in touch, shaken up 2f out, lacked pace of leaders 1f out, 4th of 12 (btn 4¾l) to Ferrystream (9-2) (Windsor 6f nov stks (4) £5,400 good to firm).
MARKET LEADER (9-7) 4-5 fav slow away, in rear, headway but ran green 1f out, went 3rd inside final furlong, 3rd of 9 (4l) to Real Bullet (9-7) (Windsor 6f nov stks (4) £5,400 good).
RAFE'S DA MAN (9-4) 28-1 took keen hold, midfield, pushed along 1f out, chased leaders entering final 110yds, no further impression, 3rd of 12 (btn 1¾l) to Fuel The Jet (9-4) (Newbury 7f nov stks (3) £8,100 good to firm).
REGENCY ROYAL (9-7) 3-1 midfield, headway final furlong, went 2nd towards finish, not reach winner, 1¾l by Towelontheterrace (9-7) (12 ran) (Chester 6f nov stks (4) £7,731 good).
SPEAKERS CORNER (9-5) 2-1 tracked leaders, no impression 1f out, 4th of 6 (3l) to Porto Vecchio (9-5) (Curragh 7f mdn €15,000 good to firm).
BUNDABERG Australia colt out of Elle Maxima.
DONTWORRYABOUTME Awtaad colt out of Heaven's Angel.
HOWZATT Zoustar colt out of Whazzat.
RUPERT THE BRAVE Phoenix Of Spain colt out of Marjubilation.
SPEYSIDE Blue Point colt out of Miss Latin.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

MARKET LEADER looks the type to improve a bundle for stepping up in trip after a promising debut at Windsor last time. That track's not a bad prep for Goodwood's undulations and he is entered in some big races later this season. He goes on fast ground and is the pick of Nol Wathnan rider James Doyle (*below*). **Speakers Corner** comes from Aidan O'Brien and can be expected to find a lot more after his Curragh debut 14 days ago. The yard won this race 12 months ago and, while stall 14 isn't ideal, most of the fancied horses are in a wide berth today. O'Brien runners often take a big step forward and there's a lot more to come. **Charted Course** didn't get the run of the race in the Windsor Castle at Royal Ascot and should enjoy moving up in distance although he has some improving to do. Joseph O'Brien is always respected and his **Leadlight** showed some promise when fourth on debut at Leopardstown last month.

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4:45 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	AL WATHBA	3	3	3	3	4	2	5	4	27/40
2	BUNDABERG	3	3	3	3	3	1	2	2	20/40
3	CHARTED COURSE	3	3	3	3	3	5	1	3	24/40
4	DONTWORRYABOUTME	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	2	19/40
5	HOWZATT	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	1	21/40
6	LEADLIGHT	3	3	3	3	2	4	1	4	23/40
7	MAGI MELCHIOR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	22/40
8	MARKET LEADER	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	26/40
9	RAFE'S DA MAN	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	24/40
10	REGENCY ROYAL	3	3	3	3	5	4	4	2	27/40
11	RUPERT THE BRAVE	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	20/40
12	SPEAKERS CORNER	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	27/40
13	SPEYSIDE	3	3	3	3	3	1	2	1	19/40
14	WALKIN ON THE MOON	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	4	22/40

5:20 GOODWOOD — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	ROCK OF CASHEL	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	13/40
2	ALPHA CRUCIS	4	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	20/40
3	BOYFRIEND	1	1	1	4	5	4	3	3	22/40
4	REAL GAIN	4	4	4	4	2	2	4	2	26/40
5	EL MATADOR	3	2	4	3	4	4	4	4	28/40
6	AMMES	2	2	2	2	3	5	4	2	22/40
7	SPELL MASTER	1	2	1	1	3	4	2	2	16/40
8	NOSTRUM	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	2	15/40
9	SWEET REWARD	3	3	2	2	4	2	2	1	19/40
10	POINT OF CONTACT	3	4	3	2	3	3	5	5	28/40
11	SHAFDAR	3	5	3	4	2	2	2	1	22/40
12	CREST OF FIRE	3	2	1	1	4	4	2	3	20/40
13	THINTHREAD	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12/40
14	GREAT CHIEFTAIN	5	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	20/40
15	FIRST AMBITION	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	14/40
16	BLUE COURVOISIER	3	2	5	5	4	3	2	4	28/40
17	ALCARAZ	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	13/40
18	THUNDER WONDER	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	4	19/40

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ROCK OF CASHEL (9-2) 80-1 held up, ridden and edged left over 1f out, never involved, 22nd of 28 (btn 11l) to Mezcala (9-1) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
AMMES (8-7) 10-1 midfield, progress 3f out, stayed on final furlong, 4th of 16 (btn 8l) to Sallaal (9-9) **ALPHA CRUCIS** (8-8) 9-1 midfield, headway 2f out, no extra and weakened final furlong, 5th (btn 9¾l) (16 ran) (Epsom 1¼m hcap (2) £61,152 good to soft).
BOYFRIEND (9-9) 5-1 midfield, ran on well inside final furlong, not reach leading pair, 3rd of 14 (btn 1¾l) to Dangerman (9-6) **SWEET REWARD** (9-2) 9-1 led after 2f, headed 1f out, weakened, 9th (btn 13l) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (3) £7,731 good to firm).
EL MATADOR (9-6) 3-1 prominent, led 1f out, soon headed, always held by winner, btn 1l by Rainbow Nebula (9-2) **REAL GAIN** (9-11) 6-4 fav in touch, disputed lead 2f out, short of room final 50yds, faded, 5th (2¾l) (9 ran) (Redcar 1m hcap (3) £8,100 good).
EL MATADOR (8-9) 13-2 outpaced 3f out, stayed on final furlong, just failed for 2nd, 3rd of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Treble Tee (9-4) (Newcastle 1m hcap (2) £18,319 AW).
AMMES (8-8) 16-1 midfield, pushed along 1f out, not pace to challenge, 4th of 12 (btn 3¾l) to Sportingsilvermine (8-9) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap (2) £64,425 good to firm).
SPELL MASTER (8-10) 40-1 rear mid-division, ridden 3f out and hanging left, no extra, 6th of 22 (4¾l) to Raammee (9-2) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £103,080 good).
NOSTRUM (8-13) 25-1 weakened over 1f out, 11th of 13 (btn 8l) to Aalto (8-10) (Newmarket 1f mdn (2) £51,540 good to firm).
POINT OF CONTACT (9-6) 2-1 fav with leaders, weakened 1f out, 8th of 9 (8¾l) to Stem (9-5) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (2) £23,193 good).
SHAFDAR (9-5) 10-1 midfield, kept on inside final furlong, 6th of 12 (btn 4¾l) to Beagle Bay (9-5) (Sandown 1m hcap (2) £18,039 good to firm).
CREST OF FIRE (9-9) 11-4 fav close up, ran on well inside final furlong, just held, btn nse by Ciarrai Abu (8-13) (11 ran) (Ascot 1m hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
THINTHREAD (9-7) 28-1 midfield, outpaced 1f out, 5th of 7 (btn 7½l) to Tripoli Flyer (8-5) (Kempton 1¼m hcap (3) £8,246 AW).
GREAT CHIEFTAIN (9-11) 6-1 raced in fourth, hung left 2f out, held from 1f out, last of 4 (btn 5½l) to Desert Shadow (9-5) (Lingfield 1m hcap (3) £7,956 good to firm).
FIRST AMBITION (9-9) 12-1 outpaced final furlong, 6th of 7 (9½l) to Grizedale (9-6) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
BLUE COURVOISIER (8-12) 33-1 close up, no extra when hung left inside final furlong, 18th of 30 (btn 7l) to Moonfall (8-10) **CREST OF FIRE** (8-11) 28-1 mid-division, ridden 1f out, no extra, 21st (btn 7½l) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £67,002 good to firm).
ALCARAZ (9-9) 13-2 led, headed 2f out, weakened, 5th of 6 (12l) to The Green Mile (9-1) (Chepstow 1¼m hcap (4) £5,339 good).
THUNDER WONDER (9-4) 14-1 towards rear, kept on well, took 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 9 (btn 1l) to Haayimm (9-5) (Musselburgh 1m 1f hcap (3) £12,885 good to firm).

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LEG 1.....Valedictory, ...Sing Us A Song
LEG 2.....Opportunity, ... Al Aasy
LEG 3..... Waardah
LEG 4.. Soldier's Tree, ... Far Above Dream
LEG 5. We're Goosers, ... Egoli
LEG 6 Market Leader, ... Speakers Corner

5.20 CORAL REWARDS SHAKER HANDICAP (3) winner £25,770; 1m 1f (18 runners)

1 -00010 **ROCK OF CASHEL 44 (D)** — (1) N Petersen (Nor) 4-9-12 Jamie Spencer 87
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (G) £60,573
Latest 7f run ignored, return to this trip may suit but needs much more

2 226-55 **ALPHA CRUCIS 57 (CD)** — (5) G & J Moore 6-9-11 ..... Jason Watson 89
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (4S) Places: 8 £97,711
Better than latest, likes it here and this trip suits but needs softer ground

3 56-813 **BOYFRIEND 50** — (12) R Hannon 5-9-10 ..... Pat Dobbs 95
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 4 £48,906
Useful, stays well and should give another solid account from this mark

4 300-45 **REAL GAIN 86 (BF,D)** — (18) H Al Jehani 6-9-10 ..... James Doyle 94
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 1 £49,368
Fair recent efforts, return to this trip helps but needs to find a little more

5 5-2233 **EL MATADOR 37** — (16) R Beckett 4-9-9 ..... Hector Crouch 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 5 £24,411
Knocking on the door lately, trip suits and mark keeps him of interest

6 3-6244 **AMMES 28 (V)** — (15) J Owen 4-9-9 ..... Kieran Shoemark 95
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £53,260
Running well lately, drop from 12f no issue and remains competitive

7 01-836 **SPELL MASTER 21 (C)** — (4) O Rix 4-9-9 ..... Ray Dawson 91
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 5 £56,604
Better than latest in stronger race, step up in trip could suit, place claims

8 -02580 **NOSTRUM 21** — (7) M Appleby 6-9-8 ..... Jason Hart 86
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 3 £175,560
Needs to bounce back from recent runs, very quirky and best watched

9 7-2119 **SWEET REWARD 50 (CD)** — (10) J Portman 9-9-8 ..... Rob Hornby 95
Runs: 58 Wins: 9 (3S,2F,GS,3G) Places: 11 £127,121
Latest forgiven, likes it here and return to this trip could spark a revival

10 56-618 **POINT OF CONTACT 28 (BF,D)** — (13) A Balding 4-9-8 ..... Oisin Murphy 94
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £44,212
Below best latest, return to this trip suits but wide draw no help, risky

11 120106 **SHAFDAR 49 (T★;D)** — (9) I Williams 4-9-8 ..... David Egan 88
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £19,689
Better than latest, return to this trip helps and tongue strap may help

12 2-1302 **CREST OF FIRE 22 (BF)** — (14) J Channon 3-9-6 ..... Tom Marquand 98
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 5 £42,242
Did everything but win at Ascot latest, extra furlong no issue, go close

13 5313-5 **THINTHREAD 30 (P★;D)** — (3) G Baker 4-9-6 ..... Pat Cosgrave 90
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 1 £39,044
Shaped well after absence, should come on for that return, cheekpieces on

14 7-8594 **GREAT CHIEFTAIN 17 (B;C)** — (11) O Cole 5-9-5 ..... David Probert 94
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (2F,3G) Places: 4 £79,436
Needs more after recent runs but down in the weights, place shout

15 6-6706 **FIRST AMBITION 30** — (8) M Keady 5-9-4 ..... Daniel Muscutt 81
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 1 £15,081
Needs revival on recent form and has yet to show enough for this return

16 2-2410 **BLUE COURVOISIER 44** — (6) C Cox 3-9-3 ..... Saffie Osborne ●99
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £66,670
Won big pot at Carlisle, no show at Royal Ascot, better expected today

17 7228-5 **ALCARAZ 72 (D)** — (17) G Baker 7-9-3 ..... Vincent Ho 85
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (2S,2GS,3G) Places: 10 £111,499
Needed latest comeback, top Hong Kong jock takes the ride, e-w claims

18 0-0483 **THUNDER WONDER 32 (D)** — (2) C Johnston 4-9-3 ..... Marco Ghiani 90
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (GS,2G) Places: 2 £64,108
Good recent third, trip suits and current mark gives him each-way claims

BETTING: 11-2 Crest of Fire, 6 El Matador, 13-2 Blue Courvoisier, Boyfriend, 8 Ammes, Real Gain, 10 Spell Master, 16 Point Of Contact, Blue Courvoisier, Alpha Crucis, 20 Thunder Wonder, Shafdar

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 abd 2 1

2025: Gladius 3-9-3, W Buick 11-8 Fav (A Balding), drw 13, 16 ran.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

CREST OF FIRE can gain compensation for a string of near misses and looks ready for a big win. Jack Channon's three-year-old has improved every run since being gelded, bolting up in a Southwell maiden before producing excellent efforts in competitive handicaps at Carlisle and Ascot. His latest second at Ascot was particularly taking, pulling clear with **Ciarrai Abu** who bolted up here on Thursday. A strongly run race should suit his style despite a wider draw. **Blue Courvoisier** is a hufe danger. He was snookered by the draw in the Britannia and his easy Carlisle success was impressive. A low draw and his natural early speed could see him in an ideal position. **Spell Master** is another with solid claims after shaping well in the John Smith's Cup at York. This slightly shorter trip looks a good fit and he remains capable of better for his new yard. **Thunder Wonder** caught the eye finishing strongly into third at Musselburgh after conceding first run and is still on a workable mark, while **El Matador** has been remarkably consistent all season and another prominent showing would come as no surprise. **Boyfriend** is also respected after two strong Sandown efforts and has a good record here.

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Glorious Favourite

THIRSK ITV: 2.08

GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE
1.38 ... Palm Reader
2.08 ... Mr Swivell
2.43 ... Brighton Beach
3.17 ... True Promise
3.47 ... Woodstock
4.22 ... La Peregrina
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TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 2f, undulating with tight turns, straight 6f course.
DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course, low numbers best at 7f & 1m. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 174 have won out of 616 races (28%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 9 have won out of 26 races (35%).
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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 8 wins from 21 runners; G Scott 5 from 17; E Walker 10 from 40; M Dods 6 from 27; R Hannon 11 from 52; I Furtado 5 from 25; W Haggas 7 from 38; R Beckett 7 from 51.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: Z Wheatley 2 wins from 5 rides; S C Cronin 2 from 9; C Beasley 4 from 18; F McManoman 2 from 10; J Callan 5 from 25; D Tudhope 5 from 32; B Garritty 3 from 23; K Stott 3 from 27; S De Sousa 4 from 43.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: A Brittain 73; T Easterby 53.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: W Pyle 54; D Fentiman 34.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 D O'Meara 33-204, M Dods 32-310, T Easterby 32-554, R & P Fahey 24-184, K Ryan 17-166, D Carroll 13-118, J Camacho 12-98, M & D Easterby 10-117, P Midgley 10-152, W Haggas 9-40. **THIS SEASON:** K Ryan 4, D O'Meara 4, M Dods 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 D Tudhope 31-145, C Beasley 29-277, K Stott 12-82, B Garritty 10-76, S De Sousa 8-33, D Fentiman 8-135, Z Wheatley 7-57, W Pyle 6-57, J Garritty 5-83, C Hardie 4-115. **THIS SEASON:** C Beasley 5, D Tudhope 3, K Stott 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 2.08 Pure Legend H F Devin (Fr) to K Ryan; **3.17 Accrual** D Loughnane to R Carr.
RACEFAX: W Haggas won the 2.43 in 2022 & 2023.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Le Samourai (2.43) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 530 miles; **Witch Hunter** (2.08) & **Angel Hunter** (3.47) trained by R Hannon, Marlborough, round trip of 476 miles; **Dain Ma Nut In** (2.08), L Russell & M Scudamore, Kinross, round trip 444 miles.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 3.17 **Muker** (won off 83 down 11lb to 72); 3.47 **Woodstock** (won off 82 down 5lb to 77); **New Image** (won off 92 down 8lb to 84); **Glenfinnan** (won off 93 down 14lb to 79); 4.22 **Ludo's Landing** (won off 80 down 5lb to 75); 4.55 **Bay Breeze** (won off 68 down 9lb to 59); **Lord Abama** (won off 70 down 15lb to 55); **Northcliff** (won off 80 down 16lb to 64); **Kings Merchant** (won off 82 down 19lb to 63). **JOB JOCKEYS:** D Tudhope rides **Brighton Beach** (2.43) for W Haggas, 85 from 284, 30%. J Callan rides **Sterling Knight** (2.08), **That Darn Cantor** (4.22), **Fanjove** (4.55) for E Dunlop, 3 from 10, 30%. C Beasley rides **Comic Strip** (3.17) for S & E Crisford, 3 from 11, 27%. S De Sousa rides **Fondo Blanco** (2.08) for R Varian, 77 from 348, 22%.

1.38 JOHN & PAULA 25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 5f. (8 runners)

1 (4) 1 **PALM READER 28 (D)** D Carroll 9-11 ... **Zak Wheatley 98**
2 (6) 58 **ARTICULATE 12** K Frost 9-4 ... **William Pyle 70**
3 (5) 5 **BACHA 35** R & P Fahey 9-4 ... **Cam Hardie 87**
4 (7) 23 **BATTLE FEVER 15** K Ryan 9-4 ... **Kevin Stott ●99**
5 (2) **RED BLUE POINT** J Tate 9-4 ... **Silvestre De Sousa —**
6 (1) 75 **RIVER JORDAN 21** P Makin 9-4 ... **Connor Beasley 90**
7 (8) 7 **UNBEATABLE FAME 12** R & P Fahey 9-4 ... **Oisin McSweeney 81**
8 (3) 0 **SUENICORA STAR 7** B Ellison 8-13 ... **Ben Robinson 70**

BETTING: 6-4 Palm Reader, 2 Battle Fever, 13-2 Red Blue Point, 15-2 Bacha, 12 River Jordan, 25 Suenicora Star, Unbeatable Fame, 66 Articulate
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.08 WILLIAM HILL SUMMER CUP HANDICAP (2) winner £26,170; 1m (12 runners)

1 2214-0 **FONDO BLANCO 44 (D)**
(12) R Varian 4-10-2 ... **non-runner 95**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 5 £44,584
Better than comeback suggests, return to 1m suits, fair mark, ruled out

2 80-170 **DAIN MA NUT IN 21 (D)**
(1) Russell/Scudamore 5-9-11. **Lexie Clarkson (7) 88**
Runs: 19 Wins: 6 (2F,4G) Places: 2 £188,208
Below best after break, shorter trip helps, needs to bounce back quickly

3 -63551 **NORTHERN EXPRESS 22 (CD)**
(4) M Dods 8-9-11 ... **Connor Beasley ●99**
Runs: 51 Wins: 8 (2S,4F,2G) Places: 14 £313,228
Won well last time, loves it here, still capable despite higher mark

4 67-441 **PURE LEGEND 69 (D)**
(11) K Ryan 4-9-10 ... **Kevin Stott 93**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £67,368
French winner, 1m suits, interesting if adapting to new surroundings

5 890000 **WITCH HUNTER 35 (D)**
(8) R Hannon 7-9-7 ... **Seamus Cronin (5) 84**
Runs: 57 Wins: 6 (F,4A,GS) Places: 14 £474,421
Needs old spark, fair mark now, recent form offers little encouragement

6 06-005 **TUSCAN HILLS 21 (CD)**
(10) N Tinkler 4-9-7 ... **Faye McManoman 90**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,G) £29,281
Better latest, but longer trips appear more suitable than this now

7 310079 **MIRSKY 28 (CD)**
(5) D O'Meara 7-9-7 ... **Daniel Tudhope 89**
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (S,2F,2GS) Places: 2 £209,252
Needs revival after recent efforts, return to here offers encouragement

8 0-7042 **MR SWIVELL 21 (D)**
(2) K De Foy 5-9-7 ... **Cam Hardie 96**
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 7 £106,721
Excellent second, return to this trip suits, should be firmly involved

9 212456 **DOSMAN 37 (D)**
(3) O Rix 5-9-5 ... **Jonny Peate 92**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 5 £86,924
Needs to rebound, trip suits, recent form leaves questions to answer

10 731003 **STERLING KNIGHT 23 (D)**
(6) E Dunlop 7-9-5 ... **Jack Callan (3) 94**
Runs: 67 Wins: 12 (2F,S,3A,3GS,3G) Places: 11 £194,485
Better latest, stays this trip well, could outrun generous-looking odds

11 -74110 **PRIAPOS 23 (D)**
(9) P Makin 4-9-0 ... **Oisin McSweeney 88**
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (3F,2A) Places: 1 £37,630
Latest below best, still on workable mark, needs to rediscover earlier form

12 45-131 **JEDDAAL 49 (D)**
(7) E Walker 3-8-10 ... **George Downing 98**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £38,794
Progressive, won well last time, still looks on a fair handicap mark

BETTING: 7-2 Jeddaal, 5 Northern Express, 11-2 Mr Swivell, 7 Tuscan Hills, 15-2 Dosman, 10 Pure Legend, 12 Sterling Knight
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: Big Leader 3-8-9, P J McDonald 6-4 Fav (G Oldroyd), drw 5, 5 ran.

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MIRSKY (9-2) 66-1 prominent, ridden 1f out, no extra final furlong, 7th of 28 (btn 4½l) to Mezcala (9-1) **FONDO BLANCO** (9-10) 50-1 raced far side, prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 21st (btn 10l) (28 ran) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
DAIN MA NUT IN (9-6) 50-1 led, ridden 3f out, headed 1f out, faded, 18th of 22 (btn 17l) to Raammee (9-2) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £103,080 good to firm).
NORTHERN EXPRESS (9-9) 7-1 midfield, ridden to challenge final furlong, all out and led post, bt Pellitory (9-7) hd (17 ran) (York 7f hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
WITCH HUNTER (9-7) 11-1 held up, shaken up 2f out, switched left over 1f out, never in contention, 11th of 14 (btn 6l) to Room Service (10-2) (Newcastle 7f hcap (2) £25,770 AW).
MR SWIVELL (9-1) 9-1 mid-division, improved 3f out, chased leader and ridden 1f out, stayed on but no telling impression, btn 1¼l by The Lost King (9-7) **TUSCAN HILLS** (9-7) 40-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, stayed on, not pace to challenge, 5th (btn 5¾l) (13 ran) (York 1m hcap (2) £23,193 good to firm).
MIRSKY (8-10) 20-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, soon lost position, minor headway inside final furlong, 9th of 14 (btn 6¼l) to Indalo (9-1) (Sandown 1m hcap (2) £61,152 good to firm).
MR SWIVELL (8-11) 13-2 prominent, ridden 2f out, outpaced 1f out, stayed on final furlong, 4th of 11 (btn 2l) to Treble Tee (9-4) **DOSMAN** (8-11) 4-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, hung 1f out, no impression, 6th (btn 11l) (11 ran) (Newcastle 1m hcap (2) £18,319 AW).
STERLING KNIGHT (9-12) 33-1 rear, waiting for room 1f out, headway final furlong, ran on well, 3rd of 13 (btn 5¼l) to Asmen Warrior (9-12) **PRIAPOS** (9-7) 33-1 soon led, pushed along when headed over 2f out, soon weakened, 12th (btn 13l) (Newmarket 1m hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
JEDDAAL (8-4) 10-3 jt fav in touch, ridden 2f out, soon edged left, headway to lead 1f out, kept on, bt Do Bronxs (8-13) 1½l (9 ran) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £25,770 good to soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.08

MR SWIVELL can land this hot handicap after returning to best with an excellent second at York. Kevin Philippart de Foy's gelding tanked along before keeping on behind a progressive younger rival. A strongly run race over this trip looks ideal, especially with several front-runners likely to ensure a searching gallop and he is still well treated on the pick of last season's form. **Northern Express** rates the biggest threat. The admirable veteran snapped a losing run with another determined success at York. That victory showed his usual tenacity, and even off a 2lb higher mark he can run well. **Jeddaal** is an interesting contender on his first start against older horses. The lightly raced three-year-old has won twice this season and looked a steadily improving handicapper when scoring at Chester. **Mirsky** cannot be dismissed either, having dropped back to the same mark he won the Thirsk Hunt Cup off earlier this season.

2.43 THEAKSTON GREAT YORKSHIRE PINT EBF NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 1m. (7 runners)

1 (2) 01 **LE SAMOURAI 30** R Beckett 3-9-11 ... **Edward Greatrex 96**
2 (3) 0 **MORTY ROBINSON 9** B Ellison 6-9-11 ... **Jack Garritty 70**
3 (5) 6 **BEN TRAVATO 13** B Ellison 3-9-4 ... **Faye McManoman 77**
4 (1) 4-5 **TEST RUN 16** M & D Easterby 3-9-4 ... **Billy Garritty 80**
5 (4) 0-8 **WEST SLEEKBURN LAD 57** P Niven 3-9-4 ... **Cam Hardie 70**
6 (6) 53 **BRIGHTON BEACH 22** W Haggas 3-8-13 ... **Daniel Tudhope 97**
7 (7) 22 **REGAL DESIRE 39** B Ellison 3-8-13 ... **Ben Robinson ●99**

BETTING: 6-4 Regal Desire, 13-8 Brighton Beach, 3 Le Samourai, 14 Test Run
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 1 1 1
2025: Zeus Olympios 3-9-11 Clifford Lee 4-9 Fav (K R Burke) drawn 3, 8 ran.

3.17 JORDAN FOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £6,281; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (3) 5522015 **TRUE PROMISE 22 (D)** F McSharry 5-10-1 ... **Oisin McSweeney 92**
2 (11) 1066325 **MOULIN BOOJ 29 (CD)** G Scott 6-10-1 ... **Kevin Stott 98**
3 (4) 8-52546 **TIVA 29 (V;D)** D O'Meara 4-9-13 ... **Daniel Tudhope 92**
4 (8) -325720 **AMERICAN BAY 21 (CD)** P Midgley 5-9-10 ... **Jack Callan (3) 91**
5 (7) 2281409 **CASTAN 22 (CD)** B Smart 6-9-10 ... **Ben Robinson 88**
6 (6) -913121 **ROCK OF ENGLAND 15 (C,D)** P Midgley 6-9-10 ... **Billy Garritty 96**
7 (2) 85U5305 **ACCRUAL 26 (BF,D)** R Carr 5-9-9 ... **William Pyle 84**
8 (1) 12-3755 **COMIC STRIP 33 (P★,T★;D)** S & E Crisford 3-9-9 ... **Connor Beasley 90**
9 (5) 024-062 **MONDAMMEJ 11 (D)** A Brittain 9-9-8 ... **Cam Hardie ●99**
10 (9) 6164173 **ROTOKURA BELLE 22 (D)** I Furtado 3-9-6 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 94**
11 (12) -800640 **MUKER 22 (CD)** N Tinkler 8-9-6 ... **Faye McManoman 88**
12 (10) 1221552 **CANARIA QUEEN 8 (D)** T Easterby 6-9-2 ... **Duran Fentiman 96**

BETTING: 3 Rock Of England, 5 Rotokura Belle, Mondammej, 8 Canaria Queen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2-4 3-7 1 6 3
2025: Moulin Booj 5-9-10 Darragh Keenan 8-1 (G Scott) drawn 7, 14 ran.

3.47 WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOSTS HANDICAP (3) winner £9,720; 7f (16 runners)

1 69-092 **YORKSHIRE 14 (CD)**
(16) E Bethell 6-9-11 ... **Kevin Stott 97**
Runs: 22 Wins: 6 (F,4A,GS) Places: 5 £76,077
Back near best last time, fair mark now, should make another bold bid

2 12/090 **CROUPIER 22 (D)**
(9) Parkinson/Smith 7-9-8 **Silvestre De Sousa 86**
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 2 £96,180
Lost way dramatically for new stable, hard to see bouncing back now

3 1/21 **ASUKA 10**
(2) G Boughey 4-9-8 ... **Jack Callan (3) 98**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £12,527
1-50 winner latest, mark not harshest, could have more to offer yet

4 1320-0 **AURORA MAJESTY 57 (D)**
(1) A Watson 4-9-8 ... **William Cox 89**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 2 £28,560
Shockers last twice, has to kick on in big way for comeback, watched

5 166764 **ANGEL HUNTER 22 (B;D)**
(13) R Hannon 4-9-7 ... **Seamus Cronin (5) 92**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 3 £117,553
Strong fourth, return to 1m suits and fair mark gives him solid claims

6 11/0-2 **YANKEE DUDE 117 (D)**
(6) W Greatrex 4-9-7 ... **Edward Greatrex 85**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £12,756
Best form all on AW, freshened up, hard to weigh up but needs more

7 699-10 **OUR HAVANA 22 (P★;D)**
(5) R & P Fahey 5-9-5 ... **Oisin McSweeney 94**
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (2A,3G) Places: 2 £64,578
Yard is very quiet, cheekpieces on, poor latest, York form gives hope

8 701260 **BRIGHTON BOY 35 (CD)**
(4) T Easterby 4-9-4 ... **Duran Fentiman 93**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (S,2GS,G) Places: 3 £97,522
Won over track and trip in May, 4lb higher here and not best latest

9 -30570 **NEW IMAGE 21 (D)**
(11) D O'Meara 6-9-3 ... **Daniel Tudhope 89**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 4 £120,178
Capable at this level but not fired this year, needs to bounce back

10 602231 **IT JUST TAKES TIME 12 (CD)**
(8) M Walford 8-9-3 ... **Jack Garritty ●99**
Runs: 73 Wins: 14 (4F,4S,A,2GS,3G) Places: 17 £142,254
Mr Consistent of late, including big run here in June, high on shortlist

11 053220 **ANDESITE 22**
(14) R Fell 4-9-2 ... **Cian Horgan (5) 96**
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £39,042
Poor latest when fancied at York, previous runs give plenty of hope

12 9-0155 **OBELIX 21 (D)**
(15) J Camacho 6-9-1 ... **Ben Robinson 91**
Runs: 31 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 4 £76,970
This mark often looks beyond him, might be in too deep, e-way best

13 771942 **GLENFINNAN 28 (H;D)**
(3) M Dods 6-8-12 ... **Connor Beasley 95**
Runs: 35 Wins: 5 (F,4G) Places: 4 £112,490
Mark no issue, form in book to get involved, big run expected here

14 8-3125 **KING'S SCHOOL 23 (D)**
(7) G Tutty 5-8-11 ... **Billy Garritty 92**
Runs: 32 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 12 £41,157
Held fair and square at Donny, needs more, AW form at lower level

15 734622 **WOODSTOCK 7 (V;D)**
(10) R Carr 6-8-10 ... **Cam Hardie 93**
Runs: 37 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 9 £56,884
Solid enough of late, caught eye at Chester, player with little more

16 556680 **ENOLA GREY 7 (D)**
(12) G Tutty 6-8-5 ... **William Pyle 86**
Runs: 63 Wins: 7 (6A,G) Places: 19 £103,233
Handicapper helping but for a reason, needs major revival, unlikely

BETTING: 8 Our Havana, Obelix, Glenfinnan, It Just Takes Time
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Rhythm Master 7-9-5, S De Sousa 10-3 (G Harker), drw 9, 13 ran.

4.22 VISION PVC CARLTON MINIOTT THIRSK HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 4f. (4 runners)

1 (1) 5104355 **LUDO'S LANDING 8 (CD)** C Johnston 6-10-2 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 93**
2 (3) 31-074 **NORTHERN BRAVE 43** M Dods 3-9-8 ... **Connor Beasley 91**
3 (2) 6-55022 **LA PEREGRINA 23 (BF)** E Walker 3-9-3 ... **George Downing ●99**
4 (4) 7-9564 **THAT DARN CANTOR 14** E Dunlop 3-9-2 ... **Jack Callan (3) 92**

BETTING: 4-6 La Peregrina, 5 Ludo's Landing, That Darn Cantor, Northern Brave
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 3 3
2025: Ancient Myth 4-10-1 Mark Winn 15-2 (D O'Meara) drawn 4, 7 ran.

4.55 JOHN JOSEPH ROBSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,140; 6f. (9 runners)

1 (2) 0081460 **NORTHCLIFF 21 (V;D)** R Burdon 6-9-13 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 88**
2 (3) 6378715 **GREAT 12 (D)** S England 4-9-13 ... **Jonathan England 98**
3 (5) 6478214 **KINGS MERCHANT 10 (CD)** P Kirby 5-9-12 ... **Cam Hardie 97**
4 (9) -494439 **MALDEVIOUS 36 (T★)** B Ellison 4-9-11 ... **Ben Robinson 90**
5 (7) 3420/98 **KHABIB 46** R Craggs 8-9-10 ... **Cian Horgan (5) 83**
6 (6) /37-020 **MECCA'S SYMPHONY 43** M Dods 4-9-8 ... **Connor Beasley 84**
7 (8) 0-67344 **BAY BREEZE 23 (CD)** T Easterby 7-9-8 ... **Duran Fentiman 95**
8 (1) 12-4696 **FANJOVE 37 (P★)** E Dunlop 3-9-8 ... **Jack Callan (3) 90**
9 (4) 0-59778 **LORD ABAMA 46 (B;CD)** M Dods 7-9-4 ... **Billy Garritty ●99**

BETTING: 4 Kings Merchant, Lord Abama, 9-2 Great, 6 Maldevious, Bay Breeze
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Koji 4-9-2 Dale Swift 66-1 (S Spencer) drawn 7, 10 ran.

DONCASTER

TEMPLEGATE
1.55 ... Brash
2.30 ... Eighth Immortal
3.05 ... Tiora Time
3.40 ... Super Hit
4.15 ... First Time
4.50 ... Get Up Everybody
5.25 ... Von Trotter
6.00 ... Celtic Arrow

TOM PEPPER
1.55 ... Kohana Nation
2.30 ... Weleyff
3.05 ... Forest Berry
3.40 ... Mariner
4.15 ... Haaderr
4.50 ... Get Up Everybody
5.25 ... Von Trotter
6.00 Another Investment

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, galloping pear-shaped track. Almost 2m round with 4 1/2f run-in. Round and straight miles. ■DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): D O'Meara 30-278, R & P Fahey 21-234, T Easterby 15-263, N Tinkler 13-173. THIS SEASON: D O'Meara 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Nolan 12-131, K O'Neill 9-94, R Sexton 9-89, N Callan 7-39. THIS SEASON: D Nolan 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Kohana Nation (1.55) & Barbuda Bay (5.25) trained at Lambourn. Round trip of 334 miles. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.55 AALBERTS IPS PEGLER VALVES NOVICE STAKES) (Class 4); value to the winner £5,400; 6f.(6 runners)

1 (3) 77324 **BRASH 12 (B★)** D & N Barron 3-9-7 ... **David Nolan ●99**
2 (5) 72- **KOHANA NATION 225** C Hills 3-9-7 ... **Oisin Orr 98**
3 (6) -228454 **STONEACRE JOE 14** T Easterby 3-9-7 ... **Harry Russell 95**
4 (4) 4 **TRIPLE P 13** T Easterby 3-9-7 ... **Jake Dickson (5) 97**
5 (1) 4-0 **SPRUCES DUE 48 (H★)** M Mullineaux 4-9-6 ... **Kieran O'Neill 75**
6 (2) 3 **SAKURA IMPACT 24** I G-Leveque 3-9-2 ... **Alistair Rawlinson 83**

BETTING: 7-4 Kohana Nation, 15-8 Brash, 4 Triple P, 6 Stoneacre Joe, 20 Sakura Impact, 50 Spruces Due
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Super Saiyan 4-10-1 Sean Kirrane 15-2 (Billy Aprahamian) drawn 5, 7 ran.

2.30 BAPP GROUP OF COMPANIES BAPP NURSERY (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,653; 7f. (5 runners)

1 (3) 236 **ENCOUNTER 29 (BF)** S Woods 9-9 ... **Neil Callan 96**
2 (4) 31 **WELEYFF 19 (D)** E Bethell 9-8 ... **Oisin Orr ●99**
3 (1) 23 **EIGHTH IMMORTAL 22 (BF)** J Jones 9-5 ... **Ryan Sexton 98**
4 (5) 624 **LINCOLN WARRIOR 22** I Furtado 9-2 ... **Barry McHugh 97**
5 (2) 480 **PRINCE KAMEO 53** Sir M Prescott 8-7 ... **James Sullivan 87**

BETTING: 7-4 Eighth Immortal, 9-4 Weleyff, 5-2 Lincoln Warrior, 15-2 Encounter
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.05 7 CORE ELECTRICAL RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4); 2-y-o; £4,320; 6f 111yds. (13 runners)

1 (3) 2 **ARENITE 75** M Dods 9-2 ... **Dougie Costello 94**
2 (7) 56 **AUTUMN JEWEL 28** B Smart 9-2 ... **Oliver Stammers 83**
3 (13) **BEARING IN TIME** T Easterby 9-2 ... **Ryan Sexton —**
4 (6) **BLANQUITA** D Cunha 9-2 ... **Stevie Donohoe —**
5 (8) 5522377 **CHEEKY CHESCA 17** T Easterby 9-2 ... **Jake Dickson (5) 85**
6 (4) **DAWN'S GIFT** S Ender 9-2 ... **Alistair Rawlinson —**
7 (9) **EAGLE STORM** C Johnston 9-2 ... **Oisin Orr —**
8 (12) 7242 **FOREST BERRY 8 (BF)** Sir M Prescott 9-2 ... **James Sullivan 98**
9 (10) **PON PON DALIA** M Botti 9-2 ... **Jack Gilligan —**
10 (11) **ROMOTOSO** W Knight 9-2 ... **Taylor Fisher —**
11 (5) **THEFT** G Scott 9-2 ... **Liam Wright (5) —**
12 (1) **TIGGYWINKLE** O Pears 9-2 ... **Harry Russell —**
13 (2) 3 **TIORA TIME 23** T Clover 9-2 ... **Neil Callan ●99**

BETTING: 11-4 Forest Berry, 3 Tiora Time, 4 Eagle Storm, 7 Pon Pon Dalia, 10 Arenite
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.40 YATES DRYWALL LTD HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,768; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 2674131 **SUPER HIT 12 (H;D)** J Owen 5-9-11 ... **Christian Howarth (3) ●99**
2 (1) 0-95766 **COSMOS RAJ 16 (D)** D O'Meara 8-9-9 ... **David Nolan 85**
3 (3) 8728934 **MARINER 9 (C,D)** J Candlish 5-9-6 ... **Jude Fernandes (7) 98**
4 (4) 6135570 **MAGIC RUNNER 127** R Carr 4-9-2 ... **James Sullivan 92**
5 (5) 6-00096 **WHISKEY PETE 9** N Tinkler 5-8-13 ... **Alex Jary (3) 95**
6 (2) 827U59- **STEPS IN TIME J12 (P★)** P Kirby 5-8-12 ... **Barry McHugh 81**

BETTING: 8-15 Super Hit, 7-2 Mariner, 15-2 Whiskey Pete, 14 Magic Runner, 25 Cosmos Raj, 33 Steps In Time
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5
2025: Bay Dream Believer 6-9-4 Jason Hart 11-4 (M Walford) drawn 1, 7 ran.

4.15 WINNERS WEAR SKOPES MENSWEAR HANDICAP (4); 3-y-o; value to the winner £5,653; 7f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 221-4 **HAADERR 17 (T★;BF,D)** E Bethell 9-9 ... **Oisin Orr 96**
2 (2) 53-2371 **SUSPICIOUS MINDZ 35** S Spencer 9-8 ... **Shay Farmer (5) ●99**
3 (3) 12-0633 **FIRST TIME 14** R & P Fahey 9-6 ... **Barry McHugh 98**
4 (1) -231230 **VIDMIYR 35 (D)** J Candlish 9-4 ... **Jude Fernandes (7) 97**
5 (5) -350373 **GOLDWORK 7 (B★)** E J-Houghton 9-0 ... **Oliver Carmichael (7) 95**
6 (4) 066-240 **SHADOW RUN 59** S Dixon 8-10 ... **Kieran O'Neill 92**

BETTING: 10-3 First Time, Suspicious Mindz, 4 Haaderr, 9-2 Goldwork, 11-2 Vidmiyr
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1
2025: Mayday Malone 9-6 Luke Morris 2-1 Fav (M Bell) drawn 2, 9 ran.

4.50 HARRISON COLLEGE HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); value to the winner £3,768; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (6) 1188314 **MOONHALL LASS 28 (D)** J Owen 4-9-12 ... **Christian Howarth (3) 98**
2 (8) 3-34753 **GET UP EVERYBODY 14 (BF)** P Midgley 4-9-10 ... **David Nolan ●99**
3 (11) -161506 **OPERATION GIMCRACK 43 (D)** B Smart 6-9-9 ... **Oliver Stammers 84**
4 (4) -760787 **ARNAZ 32 (D)** M Loughnane 5-9-8 ... **Oisin Orr 83**
5 (7) 3057-89 **QUEENSMAITE 95** S Bowring 4-9-7 ... **Alistair Rawlinson 75**
6 (3) 48-0 **DANRANA 63 (H★)** F McSharry 3-9-6 ... **Harry Russell 80**
7 (5) 8-03043 **SPARKLING PINK 14 (P★)** A Nicholls 3-9-6 ... **Ryan Sexton 97**
8 (9) 5422866 **EMERALD ARMY 16 (D)** R Carr 5-9-5 ... **James Sullivan 94**
9 (2) 5-43717 **HARES BREDTH 31** T Easterby 3-9-3 ... **Jake Dickson (5) 95**
10 (10) 2095-88 **RYEFIELD 58 (V)** L Mullaney 3-9-0 ... **Liam Wright (5) 81**
11 (1) 55-67 **HAVANA OAKS 26** I Furtado 3-8-12 ... **Joey Haynes 86**

BETTING: 10-3 Moonhall Lass, 6 Get Up Everybody, 15-2 Sparkling Pink, 10 Hares Bredth, 12 Emerald Army, 25 Havana Oaks, Arnaz, 33 Danrana
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 8 9 1
2025: Wilde And Dandy 5-9-12 Stevie Donohoe 3-1 Fav (I Furtado) drawn 3, 11 ran.

5.25 HARRISON COLLEGE HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); value to the winner £3,768; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (3) 42-4549 **DONALD 23** D & N Barron 4-9-12 ... **David Nolan 95**
2 (10) 836-937 **WILDE AND DANDY 14 (CD)** I Furtado 6-9-10 ... **Joey Haynes ●99**
3 (5) 363-858 **GROUNDSMAN 24 (D)** M Loughnane 4-9-9 ... **Oisin Orr 89**
4 (1) -000829 **SIR DAVID 29 (D)** N Tinkler 4-9-8 ... **Alex Jary (3) 97**
5 (9) 20-860 **BARBUDA BAY 49** R Teal 3-9-6 ... **Dougie Costello 85**
6 (4) -200762 **VON TROTTER 14** M & D Easterby 3-9-6 ... **Oliver Stammers 98**
7 (7) 68-0588 **SPRINTING SPEED 36** J Candlish 3-9-6 ... **Stevie Donohoe 94**
8 (2) 5883140 **BACK FROM DUBAI 48 (CD)** S Bowring 9-9-3 ... **Alistair Rawlinson 96**
9 (8) -367706 **MAGIC LADY MAE 11** L Mullaney 3-9-1 ... **Jack Gilligan 88**
10 (6) 2909239 **MISTER MCGREGOR 22 (B,E)** M Mullineaux 4-9-0 ... **Kieran O'Neill 93**

BETTING: 6-4 Von Trotter, 9-2 Wilde And Dandy, 15-2 Sir David, 10 Back From Dubai, Donald, 12 Mister Mcgregor, Sprinting Speed, 16 Groundsman, Magic Lady Mae
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 8 9 1
2025: Wilde And Dandy 5-9-12 Stevie Donohoe 3-1 Fav (I Furtado) drawn 3, 11 ran.

6.00 GRACE AND DOTTY HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,397; 6f. (8 runners)

1 (8) 00-0022 **ANOTHER INVESTMENT 28 (BF,CD)** N Tinkler 7-9-11 ... **Alex Jary (3) 97**
2 (3) 726450U **ZIGGY'S CONDOR 3 (B;D)** A Kirby 5-9-11 ... **Liam Wright (5) 89**
3 (1) 1-06243 **MARK'S CHOICE 26 (D)** G Tutty 10-9-10 ... **Oliver Stammers 95**
4 (5) -067523 **SHAZANI 36 (C,D)** S Bowring 4-9-8 ... **Jack Gilligan 96**
5 (7) 7084214 **COME ON OVER 11 (V;CD)** D O'Meara 3-9-5 ... **David Nolan 94**
6 (4) 3304899 **AY GEE ELL 21 (V)** R & P Fahey 4-9-5 ... **Oisin Orr 84**
7 (2) 4-23531 **STARTLED LADY 17 (D)** W Knight 3-9-4 ... **Neil Callan ●99**
8 (6) 3422 **CELTIC ARROW 31** J Camacho 3-9-4 ... **Ryan Sexton 98**

BETTING: 10-3 Startled Lady, 7-2 Another Investment, 4 Celtic Arrow, 5 Mark's Choice, 11-2 Shazani, 10 Come On Over, 16 Ziggy's Condor, 33 Ay Gee Ell
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1 3 2 5
2025: Papa Cocktail 6-9-5 Dylan Hogan 3-1 (M Herrington) drawn 9, 10 ran.

GOODWOOD 2026

in association with William HILL

HAMILTON

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT)

TEMPLEGATE

5.50 ... California School
6.25 ... According To Mark
7.00 ... Cotton Bud
7.30 ... Manila Scouse
8.00 ... Hundred Caps
8.30 ... Sanafi Zabeel
9.00 ... Braes Of Doune

TOM PEPPER

5.50 ... Henley On Thames
6.25 ... According To Mark
7.00 ... Cabrera
7.30 ... Corolla Point
8.00 ... Little Mi Mi
8.30 ... Starliner
9.00 ... Pisanello

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, loop course with 5f run-in part of straight. ■DRAW: Low to middle numbers best in sprints, especially on soft ground. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): J Goldie 76-530, I Jardine 45-369, T Easterby 30-212, K Ryan 28-137. THIS SEASON: J Goldie 11. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): P Mulrennan 52-277, A Mullen 42-288, S James 16-122, S Gray 16-95. THIS SEASON: P Mulrennan 73. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Thanks Harry (5.50) trip of 734 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Venture Capital (7.30). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

5.50 MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £6,210; 6f. (5 runners)

1 (5) **BEARING GIFTS** K Ryan 9-7 ... **T Eaves**
2 (2) 6 **CALIFORNIA SCHOOL 14** R Varian 9-7 **P Mulrennan**
3 (3) 622 **HENLEY ON THAMES 17** K De Foy 9-7 ... **S James**
4 (4) **POLYMER** B Haslam 9-7 ... **A Mullen**
5 (1) 7 **THANKS HARRY 21** T Dascombe 9-7. **P McDonald**

Henley On Thames ●99, California School 98, Thanks Harry 84.
11-8 Henley On Thames, 9-4 California School, 11-4 Bearing Gifts

6.25 NOVICE STAKES (3); winner £7,290; 1m 3f. (5 runners)

1 (5) 1-8 **KISSMEHONEYHONEY 92** W Haggas 4-10-1 **P Mulrennan**
2 (4) -602 **TIERNAN 25 (BF)** I Jardine 4-9-13 ... **A Mullen**
3 (2) -222 **ACCORDING TO MARK 23 (P★)** E Bethell 3-9-4 **P McDonald**
4 (1) 8-4 **SOTTSFIELD 87** S Spencer 3-9-4 ... **D Swift**
5 (3) **MIDNIGHT SERENADE (H★)** R Smith 3-8-13 **A Waugh (3)**

According To Mark ●99, Tiernan 98, Kissmehoneyhoney 97.
7-4 Kissmehoneyhoney, 15-8 According To Mark, 5-2 Tiernan

7.00 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,286; 1m 5f. (11 runners)

1 (3) -459 **CABRERA 15** E Bethell 5-10-4 ... **P McDonald**
2 (9) -301 **HIGH POINT 51** I Jardine 5-10-2 ... **A Mullen**
3 (4) 4317 **SECRET FORCE J14** A Keatley 4-10-0 ... **M Sheehy**
4 (6) 0246 **GENTLE WARRIOR 15** K R Burke 4-9-9 ... **S James**
5 (7) 2414 **DUNKELD DREAMER 21 (BF)** K R Burke 3-9-7 **S Gray**
6 (2) 9790 **OURO PRETO 7** I Jardine 5-9-3 ... **A Brookes**
7 (10) -594 **EROICO 38** M Todhunter 4-9-3 ... **M Winn**
8 (1) 0066 **SPANISH HUSTLE 21 (C)** J Goldie 8-9-3 ... **K Fraser**
9 (11) 2131 **GALLUS NORMAN 43** J Goldie 7-9-2. **P Mulrennan**
10 (8) 2-16 **COTTON BUD 79** S Lycett 3-8-13 ... **G Mangan**
11 (5) 5-24 **WOOTTON'S GAL 36** R & P Fahey 3-8-5 **E Tindall (5)**

Gallus Norman ●99, Cotton Bud 98, Dunkeld Dreamer 97.
5-2 Gallus Norman, 9-2 High Point, 5 Dunkeld Dreamer, 11-2 Cotton Bud, 6 Secret Force, 11 Cabrera, 12 Gentle Warrior, 20 Eroico

7.30 HANDICAP (2); winner £15,462; 5f. (14 runners)

1 (11) -332 **COROLLA POINT 36 (BF,CD)** E Bethell 4-10-0 **P McDonald**
2 (10) -445 **PUROSANGUE 36 (D)** R Cowell 5-9-12 ... **K Fraser**
3 (7) 3151 **ARKLOW LAD 56 (D)** M Appleby 4-9-9. **C Whiteley (5)**
4 (13) 0060 **ANOTHER BAAR 36 (D)** A Keatley 6-9-8. **M Sheehy**
5 (6) 0819 **SOLAR ACLAIM 35 (CD)** J Camacho 5-9-8 **S James**
6 (4) -U49 **FLUORESCENCE 22 (D)** E Bethell 4-9-7. **G Mangan**
7 (9) 1344 **VANTHEMAN 15 (B;CD)** K Ryan 5-9-4 ... **T Eaves**
8 (8) 4831 **JORDAN ELECTRICS 12 (CD)** J Goldie 10-9-3 **P Mulrennan**
9 (12) 5063 **CANON'S HOUSE 27 (CD)** M & D Easterby 5-9-2 **M Winn**
10 (2) 3261 **MANILA SCOUSE 26 (C,D)** T Easterby 7-9-1 **S Kirrane**
11 (3) 4260 **ETERNAL SUNSHINE 7 (D)** J Goldie 6-8-13 **L Young (5)**
12 (5) 8708 **VENTURE CAPITAL 108 (D)** K Ryan 5-8-13 .. **S Gray**
13 (14) 2068 **FIVETHOUSANDTOONE 35** T Easterby 8-8-12 **A Waugh (3)**
14 (1) 1220 **PARISIAC 26 (CD)** I Jardine 7-8-10 ... **A Mullen**

Arklow Lad ●99, Jordan Electrics 98, Corolla Point 97.
7-2 Arklow Lad, 9-2 Corolla Point, 5 Jordan Electrics, 11-2 Manila Scouse, 10 Canon's House, Purosangue, 12 Vantheman

Sun FORM

COROLLA POINT (9-8) 2-1 fav mid-division, shaken up 2f out, kept on gamely, btn nk by Al Shabab Storm (9-7) **VANTHEMAN** (9-2) 12-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, kept on, 4th (1¼l) **PUROSANGUE** (9-10) 15-2 in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on, 5th (1½l) **CANON'S HOUSE** (9-1) 28-1 led, ridden 1f out, headed, 6th (1¾l) **ANOTHER BAAR** (9-9) 66-1 in rear, headway 2f out, kept on one pace, never threatened, 10th (btn 3¼l) (Newcastle 5f hcap (2) £30,924 AW).

ARKLOW LAD (8-13) 7-1 midfield, ridden 1f out, stayed on strongly, bt Vintage Clarets (8-5) ¾l **ANOTHER BAAR** (9-11) 66-1 midfield, effort 1f out, no telling impression, 10th (5l) (20 ran) (Epsom 5f (2) £61,152 good to soft).

SOLAR ACLAIM (9-13) 11-2 slowly away, raced wide and always in rear, detached towards finish, last of 9 (btn 6¾l) to Dark Thirty (10-0) (Chester 6f hcap (3) £10,308 good).

FLUORESCENCE (9-6) 20-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 9th of 13 (btn 9¾l) to Flora Of Bermuda (9-6) (York 6f Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).

VANTHEMAN (9-8) 5-1 tracked leaders, pushed along well over 1f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 7 (btn 2¼l) to Badri (9-11) (Pontefract 5f hcap (3) £8,762 good to firm).

JORDAN ELECTRICS (9-7) 11-4 fav made all, ridden 2f out, always doing enough towards finish, bt Lord Roxby (9-5) ¾l (9 ran) (Ayr 6f hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).

CANON'S HOUSE (9-1) 4-1 led, ridden over 1f out, plugged on inside final furlong, 3rd of 9 (btn 1¾l) to Naana's Sparkle (9-4) (Southwell 5f hcap (3) £7,851 AW).

MANILA SCOUSE (9-10) 15-2 tracked leaders, smooth progress to lead over 1f out, ran on well, bt Territorial Knight (10-2) 1¾l **JORDAN ELECTRICS** (10-1) 5-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, weakened, 8th (btn 4¼l) **PARISIAC** (9-4) 9-1 prominent, ridden 1f out, weakened, 10th (btn 4¾l) (17 ran) (Ayr 6f hcap (4) £10,308 good).

ETERNAL SUNSHINE (8-4) 22-1 prominent, led 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 16th of 21 (btn 8¼l) to Stratusnine (9-7) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).

COROLLA POINT (9-9) 10-11 fav prominent, ridden final furlong, impeded rival, 3rd of 10 (btn ¾l) to Air Force One (9-3) **VENTURE CAPITAL** (8-13) 12-1 prominent, headway 1f out, bumped rival 1f out, weakened, 8th (btn 6l) (10 ran) (Beverley 5f hcap (3) £7,731 good to soft).

FIVETHOUSANDTOONE (9-10) 18-1 in rear, asked for effort 1f out, never able to challenge, 8th of 14 (btn 4l) to Tuco Salamanca (9-10) (Newcastle 6f hcap (2) £25,770 AW).

8.00 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (6) 5574 **HUNDRED CAPS 29 (D)** J Camacho 4-9-9 **S James**
2 (12) 3915 **STIRRUP CUP 45 (BF,C)** T Easterby 4-9-7 **S Kirrane**
3 (5) 7805 **TIRIAC 36 (D)** P Midgley 6-9-5 ... **M Winn**
4 (1) 5340 **KING'S CROWN 19 (D)** M Dods 6-9-5 ... **T Eaves**
5 (4) 1041 **LITTLE MI MI 36 (D)** I Jardine 5-9-4 ... **A Mullen**
6 (3) 0748 **ORIENTAL PRINCE 12 (D)** J Goldie 5-9-3. **P Mulrennan**
7 (11) 1613 **IRIS DANCER 6 (B;C)** T Davidson 8-9-1 ... **K Fraser**
8 (8) 7183 **JM JHINGREE 15 (B★;CD)** E Whillans 4-9-0 **G Fairley**
9 (9) 6830 **HARB 7 (D)** T Davidson 7-8-10 ... **A Waugh (3)**
10 (2) 2226 **THUNDERSTORM KATIE 21 (CD)** J Goldie 5-8-9 **L Young (5)**
11 (7) 6664 **MOUNT RUAPEHU 12 (D)** I Jardine 6-8-7 **A Brookes**
12 (10) 7-66 **NEVER DARK 11 (CD)** I Jardine 9-8-6 ... **G Mangan**

Iris Dancer ●99, Little Mi Mi 98, Thunderstorm Katie 97.
3 Iris Dancer, 6 Little Mi Mi, 15-2 Thunderstorm Katie, Jm Jhingree

8.30 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (4) 941F **RAJAPOUR 7 (D)** D O'Meara 6-10-7 ... **M Winn**
2 (2) 4447 **INTRUSIVELY 23** M Appleby 4-10-2 ... **T Eaves**
3 (7) 0607 **SUNRISEONTHEBOYNE 60 (D)** B Haslam 4-10-0 **A Mullen**
4 (9) 5211 **MWAFAQ 29 (CD)** R & P Fahey 4-9-12 .. **E Tindall (5)**
5 (5) 4346 **MIDSUMMER STORM 39 (P★)** K R Burke 3-9-7 **S James**
6 (3) 1933 **SANAFI ZABEEL 16 (CD)** J Goldie 5-9-6 **P Mulrennan**
7 (1) 0000 **WATCHA SNOOP 42** A Nicol 3-9-6 ... **S Gray**
8 (6) 8822 **STARLINER 12 (C,D)** L Perratt 5-9-4 ... **K Fraser**
9 (8) 1527 **EPHRON 33 (D)** G Tutty 3-9-1 ... **C Whiteley (5)**
10 (10) 5953 **YAASER 12 (D)** J Goldie 8-8-13 ... **L Young (5)**

Mwafaq ●99, Starliner 98, Rajapour 96.
5-2 Starliner, 3 Mwafaq, 11-2 Sanafi Zabeel, 15-2 Rajapour, Yaaser

9.00 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 1m 1f. (9 runners)

1 (7) 5-66 **BRAES OF DOUNE 19** J Goldie 8-9-12 **P Mulrennan**
2 (1) 5611 **PISANELLO 3 (V;C,D)** D O'Meara 9-9-12 **C Whiteley (5)**
3 (8) 5554 **HOSTELRY 21 (C,D)** R Carr 9-9-9 ... **T Eaves**
4 (2) 8951 **DEFENCE MISSILE 7** L Perratt 4-9-8 ... **K Fraser**
5 (9) 465- **JENSON BENSON 291 (P★)** S Lycett 8-9-7 **G Mangan**
6 (4) 9690 **EVELYN'S PHOENIX 48 (D)** T Easterby 5-9-7 **S Kirrane**
7 (5) 2880 **CAN I KISS YOU 16** C Kellett 4-9-4 ... **A Mullen**
8 (3) 4077 **RING OF GOLD 42 (V)** M & D Easterby 9-9-3 **L Chalkley (7)**
9 (6) 4640 **SAXON GRACE 26** D Bourke 3-8-13 ... **S Gray**

Defence Missile ●99, Pisanello 98, Hostelry 97.
5-4 Pisanello, 3 Defence Missile, 11-2 Hostelry, 11 Braes Of Doune

LINGFIELD

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE

5.05 ... Bintknight
5.40 ... Private Project
6.15 ... An Bradan Feasa
6.45 ... Rogue Exile
7.15 ... Miss Moneypit
7.45 ... Musical Soldier
8.15 ... Wetsand

TOM PEPPER

5.05 ... Londoner
5.40 ... Zafaan
6.15 ... Laravie
6.45 ... Justice Court
7.15 ... Laylaty
7.45 ... Musical Soldier
8.15 ... Bold Suitor

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Balding 67-325, R Hannon 54-408, G & J Moore 48-387, A Watson 43-289. THIS SEASON: James Owen 13. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): P Bradley 48-441, H Davies 26-169, F Marsh 25-211, D E Hogan 21-159. THIS SEASON: P Bradley 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Miss Moneypit (7.15) & Creciente (7.45) trip of 346 miles. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.05 HANDICAP (Class 4); winner £5,653; 1m 2f. (5 runners)

1 (1) 5954 **LONDONER 9 (D)** D & C Kubler 6-10-3 ... **E Nader**
2 (4) -063 **PERCIVAL 9 (D)** D Cunha 4-10-0 ... **T Langley (5)**
3 (5) 3052 **EPICTETUS 16 (D)** J Osborne 6-9-10 ... **W Carver**
4 (2) 1-88 **STARLIGHT TIME 22 (H)** R Varian 3-9-7 **S D Bowen**
5 (3) 512 **BINTKNIGHT 29 (CD)** H Charlton 3-9-0 **L Edmunds**

Epictetus ●99, Bintknight 98, Percival 97.
7-4 Bintknight, 3 Percival, 4 Epictetus, 5 Londoner, 7 Starlight Time

5.40 CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); winner £3,454; 1m 2f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 5-14 **ZAFAAN 24 (D)** C Clover 6-9-9 ... **S D Bowen**
2 (2) 4855 **CORMORANT ROCK 17** J Boyle 3-9-1. **L Catton (3)**
3 (1) 5264 **LAPIDARIST 35** D Simcock 3-9-1 ... **T Langley (5)**
4 (5) 3932 **PANTHERE NOIR 7** L Dace 3-9-1 ... **R Kavanagh (3)**
5 (4) 6309 **PRIVATE PROJECT 95** P Phelan 3-9-1 ... **P Bradley**
6 (3) 0065 **RUIZ 26 (H)** S Dow 3-9-1 ... **T Heard**

Lapidarist ●99, Zafaan 95, Panthere Noir 90.
2 Panthere Noir, 5-2 Zafaan, 10-3 Lapidarist, 11-2 Private Project

6.15 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 2m. (4 runners)

1 (2) 6595 **NAVAL COMMAND 16** R Beckett 4-10-2 **L Edmunds**
2 (1) 1-22 **AN BRADAN FEASA J17 (D)** J Jones 6-10-0 **F Marsh**
3 (3) 1224 **LARAVIE 8 (B★;D)** J Owen 7-9-11 ... **H Davies**
4 (4) -211 **CAMPEONA 9 (D)** Sir M Prescott 3-9-0 ... **D Hogan**

Laravie ●99, Naval Command 98, An Bradan Feasa 97.
11-10 Campeona, 10-3 An Bradan Feasa, 7-2 Laravie, 5 Naval Command

6.45 MAIDEN STAKES (5); winner £4,320; 7f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 3- **JUSTICE COURT 241 (T★)** J Osborne 3-9-7 **W Carver**
2 (5) 2 **ROGUE EXILE 17** J Owen 3-9-7 ... **H Davies**
3 (4) 435 **MALAKAI KITE 39 (H★)** R Harris 3-9-5 ... **P Bradley**
4 (1) 43 **MUCHACHO 44 (T★)** H Kobeissi 3-9-5 .. **non-runner**
5 (2) 5 **DAYNA 26** E De Giles 3-9-2 ... **O Lewis (5)**
6 (3) 05 **CALL ALERT 21** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-0. **L Edmunds**

Malakai Kite ●99, Rogue Exile 93, Justice Court 77.
11-10 Rogue Exile, 13-8 Justice Court, 10 Malakai Kite, 20 Dayna, 25 Call Alert

7.15 HANDICAP (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,397; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (4) 537 **ROGUE IMPERIAL 33** A Watson 9-9 ... **H Davies**
2 (1) 2241 **KNOCK THREE TIMES 17 (CD)** J Osborne 9-9 **W Carver**
3 (6) 7450 **SEATHEGULLS 14 (P★)** G & J Moore 9-4.. **F Marsh**
4 (7) 43 **LAYLATY 23** H Charlton 9-2 ... **L Edmunds**
5 (2) 1367 **SEED YA LATER 14 (H)** J Channon 9-1 **R Dawes (5)**
6 (3) 4551 **MISS MONEYPIT 10 (C)** B Millman 9-0 ... **P Bradley**
7 (5) 6785 **IL CAPO 8** R Hannon 8-10 ... **S D Bowen**

Seed Ya Later ●99, Knock Three Times 98, Miss Moneypit 97.
10-3 Knock Three Times, 4 Miss Moneypit, 9-2 Laylaty, 11-2 Seed Ya Later, 6 Seathegulls, 13-2 Il Capo, 8 Rogue Imperial

7.45 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (2) 0221 **MUSICAL SOLDIER 11 (D)** O Sangster 3-9-9 **S D Bowen**
2 (4) -755 **FULFORD CROSS 56 (D)** D Simcock 4-9-9 **T Langley (5)**
3 (1) 73F5 **MIGHTY RULER 25 (D)** M Attwater 4-9-9 ... **F Marsh**
4 (7) 7644 **JACKSON STREET 32 (D)** M Attwater 5-9-8 **P Bradley**
5 (6) 0461 **CRECIENTE 10 (CD)** B Millman 3-9-4 ... **L Edmunds**
6 (3) 4174 **BEAU JARDINE 11 (B;CD)** R Cook & J Bridger 8-9-4 **R Kavanagh (3)**
7 (5) 2564 **TWITCH 18 (B;D)** C Benton 9-9-0 ... **non-runner**
8 (8) 6-59 **SATURDAY AGAIN 157 (H)** S Dow 3-8-11 ... **T Heard**

Beau Jardine ●99, Creciente 98, Musical Soldier 97.
11-8 Musical Soldier, 4 Beau Jardine, 6 Creciente, 13-2 Jackson Street, 10 Fulford Cross, 16 Mighty Ruler

8.15 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 1m. (5 runners)

1 (3) -331 **DISTINCT SPIRIT 4** D & C Kubler 6-10-6(5ex). **L Catton**
2 (2) 4215 **BOLD SUITOR 52 (D)** C Benton 9-9-12 ... **non-runner**
3 (5) 8761 **WETSAND 10 (V;C,D)** J Owen 3-9-9 ... **T Langley (3)**
4 (1) 1231 **ALLEGRINO 24** A Balding 3-9-4 ... **A Redman (7)**
5 (4) 7830 **SEARCHINGTHEBLUES 15** M Usher 4-9-1. **non-runner**

Allegrino ●99, Wetsand 98, Distinct Spirit 97.
15-8 Distinct Spirit, 9-4 Allegrino, 11-4 Wetsand

DAY SIX OF GALWAY

GOING: GOOD TO YIELDING

EAMONN HAMES: 2.02 Columbus, 2.37 Kimi De Mai, 3.12 Burning Ability (nb), 3.52 Fleur Dino, 4.27 Victory Speech. 5.00 Royal Bones, 5.35 Gloriously Glam, 6.05 SUPERFICIAL (nap)

■TIC-TAC: R-H rectangular track of 10f, with a sharp decent to the turn and uphill finish of 2f. ■LEADING FLAT TRAINER (2021-2026): J P O'Brien 24-183. ■TOP FLAT JOCKEY (2021-2026): S Foley 18-125. ■LEADING NH TRAINER (2021-2026): W P Mullins 35-216. ■TOP NH JOCKEY (2021-2026): J Kennedy 19-103. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pillar Of Hope (6.05) trip of 252 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: A P O'Brien won the 4.27 in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024 & 2025. G Elliott won the 3.12 in 2024 & 2025. A Kinirons won the 5.00 in 2024 & 2025. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.02 BOYLE SPORTS BEST ODDS GUARANTEED MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €10,200; 2m 1f. (20 runners)

1 8747-67 **ATLANTIC GAMBLE 67** P Gilligan 5-11-12 ... **Phillip Enright 89**
2 2 **COLUMBUS F42** W P Mullins 5-11-12 ... **Paul Townend 98**
3 **GODSEND F399** C Collins 5-11-12 ... **Ben Harvey —**
4 2152/ **LEADER ALLEN 465** W P Mullins 5-11-12 ... **Brian Hayes —**
5 62-8 **LINCOLN MILL 64** L Archdeacon 5-11-12 ... **Luke Burke-Ott (7) 88**
6 84-2553 **TRADONTHEBAY 26** P Gilligan 5-11-12 ... **Jack G Gilligan (5) 84**
7 402-22 **TYSON FURY F5** D Hogan 9-11-12 ... **Sean Flanagan 97**
8 1- **YOUNG REBEL 244** E Mullins 5-11-12 ... **Harry Cobden ●99**
9 **EASTWATCH F104** A Slattery 4-11-9 ... **Mr A P Ryan (5) —**
10 F-P788 **FINJIMK 9** P Flood 4-11-9 ... **Liam McKenna (3) 75**
11 **GOLDEN HANDSHAKE F317** W Durkan 4-11-9 ... **Patrick M O'Brien (5) —**
12 5 **HINCHINBROOKE 22 (T★)** E McNamara 4-11-9 ... **Gary Noonan 85**
13 7-8 **THE FLYING RAMBLER 28 (H)** J Dempsey 4-11-9 ... **Keith Donoghue 80**
14 860- **YOUKNOWTHECODE 133** G Elliott 4-11-9 ... **Jack Kennedy 73**
15 0- **BANPHRIONSA ALAINN 187** A Leahy 5-11-5 .. **Miss Charlotte Butler (7) 70**
16 F/352-9 **EVERYDAY LIFE 49 (H★)** I Donoghue 5-11-5 ... **Conor Stone-Walsh 87**
17 F- **MYSTERY DECISION 286 (T★)** H Finegan 7-11-5 .. **Mr Finn Tegetmeier (7) —**
18 77 **RUMBLE DEMOSA 8** E Griffin 5-11-5 ... **Ricky Doyle 83**
19 P3139- **TIKTOK CASEY 114** P Fahey 5-11-5 ... **Sam Ewing 96**
20 9 **THEDREAMISTILALIVE 22** D Duggan 4-11-2 ... **Niall Moore (5) 78**
21 P/7- **RENE'S GOLD 447** R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 ... **RESERVE 80**
22 P0 **LEVA DEVA 53** D Collins 5-11-5 ... **RESERVE 76**
23 **DIGBY BRIDGE** B Connell 5-11-12 ... **RESERVE —**

BETTING: 2 Young Rebel, 3 Columbus, 5 Tiktok Casey, 6 Leader Allen, 7 Tyson Fury

2.37 BOYLE SPORTS GALWAY TRIBES HANDICAP HURDLE; value to the winner €48,000; 2m 1f. (20 runners)

1 60495-0 **PATH D'OROUX F18 (B;C)** G Cromwell 9-11-12 ... **Keith Donoghue 87**
2 60-5311 **PUTAPOUNDINTHEJAR 2 (D)** A Martin 6-11-11 ... **non-runner 98**
3 1F0-511 **PAUL'S DREAM 22 (D)** A Mullins 7-11-8 ... **Danny Mullins 97**
4 185P-627 **AUTUMN TWIST 2 (D)** D Hogan 5-11-6 ... **Alan O'Sullivan (5) 95**
5 75141-0 **MATT CONNOR F25** J Dempsey 6-11-6 ... **Josh Williamson (5) 89**
6 5621-53 **RED GLORY 28 (P★;C,D)** H Bromhead 8-11-6 ... **Darragh O'Keeffe 94**
7 P00-843 **FIVEONEFIVE 11 (D)** C Collins 8-11-5 ... **Jack Kennedy 92**
8 5/7309- **SLURRICANE F3 (P★)** R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 ... **Mr L P Shanahan (7) 86**
9 143-010 **SPY 28 (D)** C Byrnes 7-11-4 ... **Patrick M O'Brien (5) 85**
10 2120-38 **WHOLELOTOFBUSINESS 61 (D)** E McCarthy 7-11-2 ... **Gary Noonan 88**
11 33220-1 **AVALO 92** P Fahey 7-11-1 ... **Sam Ewing 96**
12 6451-79 **COME ON THE LADS 28 (CD)** G Cromwell 6-11-1 ... **Eoin Staples (5) 87**
13 0/5337- **KIMI DE MAI 118 (BF)** W P Mullins 6-11-1 ... **Paul Townend ●99**
14 /P043-0 **NO LOOKING BACK 91 (B)** O McKiernan 8-11-1 ... **Phillip Enright 89**
15 5P53-51 **JETOILE F18** W Burke 11-11-0 ... **Michael Kenneally (5) 94**
16 241-521 **ARCLAND 16 (B)** G Cromwell 10-10-13 ... **Eoghan Finegan (5) 95**
17 3554/0F **MINELLA POST 22 (P★)** T Gibney 7-10-10 ... **James Smith (5) 79**
18 617509- **SERIENMOND 230 (BF)** G McGill 6-10-10 ... **Mr D McGill (7) 85**
19 00001-1 **LIPS FREEDOM 16 (D)** A Kinirons 6-10-9 ... **Donagh Meyler 97**
20 740-1434 **BERTO RAMIREZ 2 (D)** A McNamara 4-10-7 ... **Brian Hayes 90**
21 3-5U691 **EYE OF A TIGER 11 (D)** J Ryan 6-10-1 ... **RESERVE 95**
22 8083-24 **METAMORPHEUS F21** A McNamara 7-10-0 ... **RESERVE 91**

BETTING: 13-2 Kimi De Mai, 15-2 Paul's Dream, 8 Lips Freedom, 10 Red Glory
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 5 0 1 2
2025: Come On The Lads 5-10-2 Eoin Staples 22-1 (G Cromwell), 15 ran.

3.12 BOYLE SPORTS HANDICAP HURDLE (1) €65,999; 2m 6f 108yds (20 runners)

1 921-52 **AMERICAN MIKE 51 (D)**
O Murphy (UK) 9-11-12 ...... **Josh Williamson (5)** **91**
Runs: 26 Wins: 7 (3S,2G) Places: 5 €128,807
Nostril in it at Worc latest, up 4lb and this deep race, can get competitive

2 /004-1 **PINOT GRIS 29**
H Bromhead 6-11-10 .... **Darragh O'Keeffe** **●99**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (G) Places: 4 €42,944
Off mark over fences at Wexford, claims at best back over hdles, threat

3 260-21 **SIR GALAHAD 69**
O Murphy (UK) 5-11-8 .... **Jack Kennedy** **97**
Runs: 10 Wins: 5 (5G) Places: 2 €48,594
Up 10lb for good Uttox win, could have more to offer over this trip, fancied

4 U2582- **DOUBLE POWERFUL 104**
N Mulholland (UK) 7-11-7 ...... **Richie McLernon** **92**
Runs: 23 Wins: 6 (2S,4G) Places: 7 €90,944
More like it Plumpton latest (3m1f), trip/ground no concern, in the mix

5 21326- **DREAM ON BABY F25 (H★)**
E Mullins 6-11-6 .... **Donagh Meyler** **98**
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 €52,869
Been running well in Graded company, Flat spin to get in mood, player

6 /4996- **BUNTING F46 (BF)**
W P Mullins 6-11-4 .... **Danny Mullins** **93**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 Places: 2 €21,958
Dec '23 since last win and a while since he's put it all together, squeak

7 63309/ **COMFORT ZONE F5**
J O'Brien 7-11-3 .... **Harry Cobden** **—**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (3S) Places: 3 €103,024
Won big Flat pot here on Mon, third in this (off 2lb lower) in '24, respected

8 21U-22 **DANI DONADONI 26**
W P Mullins 6-11-0 .... **Paul Townend** **96**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 3 €20,680
Unexposed, flying under radar for top yard and Paul's pick, interesting

9 130-23 **STEDE BONNET 22**
G Elliott 5-11-0 .... **James Smith (5)** **95**
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (2S,G) Places: 4 €34,178
Chasing his long-term game but capable hdler, step up in trip, sniff

10 445-UP **AMBITIOUS FELLOW F18 (B★;CD)**
P Fahey 10-10-13 .... **Sam Ewing** **83**
Runs: 33 Wins: 5 (S,2G) Places: 4 €137,333
On long losing run (incl. points), won this in '23, major revival called for

11 1260-9 **GRANN'S BOY 68**
H Rogers 6-10-13 .... **Sean Flanagan** **88**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 Places: 2 €32,693
Has run well here before but not done enough of late to be of interest in this

12 /3P-36 **IFIWEREARICHMAN 28 (C)**
P Nolan 8-10-11 .... **Eoin Staples (5)** **87**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (S,G) Places: 3 €76,059
Eyecatcher at Bellewstown (2m1f) latest, won at meeting last year, place

13 55F-42 **MOUSEY BROWN 22**
D McLoughlin 9-10-11 ...... **Patrick M O'Brien (5)** **89**
Runs: 32 Wins: 7 (2S,5G) Places: 4 €96,346
Plenty of credit back over hdles (3m, Cork) latest, but this demands more

14 24586- **KOORI STAR 133**
P Fahey 8-10-9 .... **Brian Hayes** **88**
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 4 €33,322
Lightly raced for age, returns to hdles after break on fair mark, sneaky one

15 /12PP- **GIN TONIC 119**
P Nolan 5-10-8 .... **Conor Stone-Walsh** **93**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 Places: 2 €7,603
Has lost his way, break needs to have brought about big revival, unlikely

16 586P-1 **KILTEALY PARK 66**
P Nolan 7-10-8 .... **Alan O'Sullivan (5)** **94**
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (2S) Places: 3 €53,691
Determined effort to beat the idling Dani at Wexford last time, shortlist

17 568P-1 **SEQUOIASPIRIT 54 (D)**
R Hackett 9-10-8 .... **Liam Quinlan** **96**
Runs: 29 Wins: 2 Places: 9 €69,798
Beat Stede well at Roscommon last month, but 7lb rise so this no gimme

18 -76315 **AD CAELUM 22**
J Ryan 7-10-7 .... **J J Slevin** **93**
Runs: 37 Wins: 5 (4G) Places: 5 €78,725
Winner at Kilbeggan last month, looks high enough in weights now, left

19 F46-11 **MINELLA DIAMOND 65**
W Lanigan 8-10-6 .... **Phillip Enright** **98**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (S,G) Places: 5 €24,534
On hat-trick, Limerick win in style latest, 10lb rise tough but not impossible

20 326-12 **BURNING ABILITY 28**
E McCarthy 5-10-4 .... **Gary Noonan** **94**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 Places: 4 €15,579
Decent hcap bow at Bellewstown latest, mark fair but this a tough ask

21 34641- **FROM THE ASHES 199**
C Byrnes 9-10-3 .... **RESERVE** **93**
Runs: 32 Wins: 2 Places: 9 €43,667
Strong ride got him home at Fairy in Jan, up 7lb, e-w claims if getting run

22 59-F05 **ELUSIVE OGIE 15**
E McCarthy 5-10-0 .... **RESERVE** **83**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 €18,223
Not without talent but unlikely to be up to this if squeezing in, avoid

BETTING: 5 Sir Galahad, Pinot Gris, 15-2 American Mike, 8 Minella Diamond, 10 Dani Donadoni, Burning Ability, Double Powerful
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5-8 BD 3 0 1-0
2025: Winning Smut 6-10-12, J Kennedy 13-2 JtFav (G Elliott), 19 ran.

3.52 ELECTRIC GALWAY IRISH EBF MARES FLAT RACE; value to the winner €10,200; 2m 1f. (20 runners)

1 45-7 **AODHA'S ARROW 26** J Mangan 5-11-11 ... **Mr J L Gleeson 83**
2 5F52-18 **BACK IN FAVOUR 26 (H)** A McCann 5-11-11 ... **Miss A B O'Connor 89**
3 05-6 **BAYSWATER BLOOM 26** E McCutcheon 5-11-11 ... **Miss T Quail (7) 85**
4 3 **ELEEN ALANA 16** E Griffin 5-11-11 ... **Ms N M Bradley (7) 96**
5 **GLENS SONATA** W P Mullins 5-11-11 ... **Miss J Townend —**
6 2 **MADAME DU BERLAIS 26** T O'Brien 6-11-11 ... **Mr O McGill (5) ●99**
7 00 **NANCY WHEELER 9** S Curling 5-11-11 ... **Ms S North (7) 80**
8 45- **SHADONAGH 123 (P★)** C Murphy 5-11-11 ... **Mr D McGill (7) 88**
9 U51-3 **TAMARA JANE 77** J Fogarty 6-11-11 ... **Mr Finian Maguire 94**
10 5-54 **WHIZZ BIZZ 53** C Byrnes 5-11-11 ... **Miss A Fitzgibbon (7) 93**
11 3 **WITHMYLITTLEEYE 65 (T★)** P Magee 6-11-11 ... **Mr B T Stone (7) 96**
12 40 **BLUEBELL BREEZE 22** A Leahy 4-11-8 ... **Mr S Cotter (7) 86**
13 **FLEUR DINO** W P Mullins 4-11-8 ... **Mr Patrick Mullins —**
14 4-U1 **FORTUNATE MISS 76 (T★)** S Cavanagh 4-11-8 ... **Mr J Dunne (7) 90**
15 7 **GUNNER GIRL 63 (H)** S Carey 4-11-8 ... **Mr Derek O'Connor 75**
16 **NO PASS PORT** J Hanlon 4-11-8 ... **Ms K M Ryan (7) —**
17 4-1 **SARAHS LAWN 97 (T★)** D Queally 4-11-8 ... **Mr D L Queally 98**
18 52- **SHE WAS THE ONE 125** D Hogan 4-11-8 ... **Mr H C Swan 89**
19 F **TECHNO DJ 97** P Fahey 4-11-8 ... **Mr A P Ryan (5) —**
20 **THEBOSS'SDAUGHTER** A McNamara 4-11-8 ... **Mr L P Shanahan (7) —**
21 F1 **TANGA MUGI 85** C Collins 4-11-8 ... **RESERVE 94**

BETTING: 3 Fleur Dino, 5 Glens Sonata, 8 Madame Du Berlais, 10 Sarahs Lawn
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 1 1
2025: Some Pretender 5-11-11 Mr Patrick Mullins Evens Fav (W P Mullins), 15 ran.

4.27 WHIRISKEY REFRIGERATION IRISH EBF MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €13,200; 1m. (4 runners)

1 (3) **ROY BEAN** N Meade 9-7 ... **Adam Caffrey —**
2 (2) **THOMAS CHIPPENDALE** A P O'Brien 9-7 ... **Jack Cleary (5) —**
3 (1) 2 **VICTORY SPEECH 14** A P O'Brien 9-7 ... **Wayne Lordan ●99**
4 (4) 4 **ZARAK PASHA 19** J O'Brien 9-7 ... **Joseph Sheridan 97**

BETTING: 4-6 Victory Speech, 5-2 Zarak Pasha, 4 Thomas Chippendale, 25 Roy Bean
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 1 1
2025: Action 9-7 Wayne Lordan 4-9 Fav (A P O'Brien) drawn 4, 9 ran.

5.00 BATHSHACK MAIDEN; value to the winner €10,200; 1m. (15 runners)

1 (10) **DESERT SWING** A Kinirons 4-10-1 ... **Robbie Colgan —**
2 (7) 0-09090 **ROMANTIC WAR 7** J Murray 4-10-1 ... **Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (7) 80**
3 (12) 80007/0 **TIJUANA 81 (T★)** D Finn 8-10-1 ... **Darragh O'Sullivan (7) 75**
4 (8) 506- **REST YOUR MIND 278** G O'Leary 4-9-10 ... **Billy Lee 85**
5 (2) 4 **AGHADRUM BOY 21** P Murphy 3-9-8 ... **Gavin Ryan 87**
6 (6) 006 **CHLOE'S BOY 15** H Rogers 3-9-8 ... **Siobhan Rutledge 84**
7 (4) 2 **GLIONDAR 36 (BF)** J O'Brien 3-9-8 ... **Joseph Sheridan ●99**
8 (5) 08 **KINGCHARLES 73** K Coleman 3-9-8 ... **Rory Cleary 98**
9 (14) 6 **ROYAL BONES 70** J Harrington 3-9-8 ... **Shane Foley 93**
10 (15) 36 **SALIBA 38** J Harrington 3-9-8 ... **Scott McCullagh 97**
11 (11) 63 **STORZANDO 15** M Mulvany 3-9-8 ... **Wesley Joyce (3) 94**
12 (1) 4-4 **SUIR MONAD 114 (BF)** A Slattery 3-9-8 ... **Andy Slattery 95**
13 (9) 55-229 **BANG BANG 36 (B★)** N Meade 3-9-3 ... **Adam Caffrey 96**
14 (3) 0 **LAMAR VALLEY 50** K Coleman 3-9-3 ... **Leigh Roche 81**
15 (13) 0 **QUINCHY LADY 61** J McConnell 3-9-3 ... **James Ryan 79**

BETTING: 10-11 Gliondar, 7-2 Royal Bones, 6 Saliba, 8 Bang Bang, 10 Suir Monad
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 2 5 2-3
2025: Blue Moon Boy 3-9-8 Luke McAteer 22-1 (A Kinirons) drawn 1, 16 ran.

5.35 ARDILAUN HOTEL HANDICAP; value to the winner €10,200; 7f. (15 runners)

1 (12) 8064350 **APACHE OUTLAW 14 (D)** A McGuinness 6-10-0 ... **Adam Caffrey 98**
2 (17) 4147-05 **MARTA'S PRINCE 19** R Burns 4-10-0 ... **James Ryan 84**
3 (6) -900052 **SAN AER 4 (BF,C,D)** R O'Sullivan 8-10-0 ... **Billy Lee 97**
4 (13) 4310-00 **SPENT ALL ME MONEY 18 (B;D)** A Sexton 4-10-0 .. **Wesley Joyce (3) 85**
5 (10) 41874-9 **STORM AVERTED 40 (V★;CD)** M Ahern 5-10-0 ... **Leigh Roche 95**
6 (7) -009315 **BAY OF DREAMS 4 (P★)** C Murphy 4-9-13 ... **Reese Holohan (7) 96**
7 (2) 6244611 **THE SWEET ESCAPE 18 (D)** D Loughnane (UK) 4-9-13 **Declan McDonogh ●99**
8 (1) 6316900 **FAOLADH 4 (D)** A Slattery 4-9-12 ... **Adam Browne-Souza (7) 84**
9 (11) -274106 **LOUGH LEANE 40** M Ahern 6-9-12 ... **Rory Cleary 90**
10 (9) 435-060 **NAVAGIO 69 (D)** C Murphy 7-9-12 ... **Sam Coen (5) 86**
11 (8) 05500-60 **RHYTHM KING 2 (CD)** M Fahey 6-9-12 ... **Gavin Ryan 97**
12 (14) 01-5990 **CHESTER NIMITZ 24 (T★)** G O'Leary 4-9-11 ... **Nicola Burns (5) 87**
13 (18) 4813852 **GLORIOUSLY GLAM 29 (BF,D)** C O'Connell 4-9-11 ... **Shane Foley 92**
14 (5) 06637- **MYTIMETOSHINE 232** D Duggan 6-9-10 ... **Gary Halpin 87**
15 (3) 600-974 **BUTTERMERE RIDGE 29 (B★;D)** O McKiernan 5-9-9 .. **Scott McCullagh 85**
16 (16) 6528112 **MINAUN VIEW 12 (BF)** A McGuinness 4-9-9 ... **RESERVE 97**
17 (4) 3320373 **MICKEY THE STEEL 44** J Murray 8-9-9 ... **RESERVE 94**
18 (15) 897-181 **LA LA LUCRATIVE 32 (D)** M Smith 5-9-9 ... **RESERVE 96**

BETTING: 3 San Aer, 10-3 The Sweet Escape, 5 Bay Of Dreams, 7 Apache Outlaw
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 1 0
2025: Storm Averted 4-9-7 Wesley Joyce 7-1 (M Mulvany) drawn 3, 15 ran.

6.05 MCDONOGH CAPITAL INVESTMENTS HANDICAP; value to the winner €10,800; 1m 4f. (18 runners)

1 (4) 352648- **IVATT 295** G Elliott 4-10-1 ... **Chris Hayes 92**
2 (16) 14036-0 **BROSNA TOWN J4 (D)** J Bedi (UK) 5-10-0 ... **Declan McDonogh 85**
3 (3) 753-261 **SUPERFICIAL J56 (D)** A McNamara 4-10-0 ... **Billy Lee 98**
4 (17) -131875 **DIAMOND EXCHANGE 18** J Harrington 4-9-13 ... **Shane Foley 95**
5 (9) 55100-9 **EPHESUS 3 (D)** D Hogan 5-9-13 ... **Jared Huggan (10) 87**
6 (10) 212-995 **ROYAL SAXO 12** A Martin 6-9-13 ... **Robbie Colgan 83**
7 (11) /0244-6 **FRATAS J3 (C,D)** J O'Brien 6-9-12 ... **Joseph Sheridan 96**
8 (1) 62-9051 **THATWILLDOSO 32 (CD)** K Coleman 5-9-12 ... **Rory Cleary ●99**
9 (19) 5111088 **UNTERBERG 16 (D)** L Hourigan 7-9-9 ... **Rory Mulligan (5) 89**
10 (18) 3214207 **DAONETHATGOTAWAY 21 (D)** M Fahey 6-9-8 ... **Reese Holohan (7) 84**
11 (20) 2527-7 **DERALO IR 12** A Martin 4-9-8 ... **Niall McCullagh 85**
12 (21) 0000-65 **THYER 27 (V★)** M Ahern 5-9-8 ... **Leigh Roche 86**
13 (8) 340332- **TRIBAL MOON J18** N Kelly 5-9-7 ... **Erin Dunseath (10) 92**
14 (15) 06-2548 **GRANVILLE STREET J3 (CD)** C Murphy 8-9-6 ... **Jack Kearney (3) 93**
15 (14) 4-88046 **PILLAR OF HOPE 12 (D)** P Sweeney 8-9-6 ... **Patrick McGettigan (5) 83**
16 (12) 60-7195 **SIR JEREMY 32 (B★)** N Meade 4-9-6 ... **Paddy Harnett (5) 95**
17 (7) 5110-95 **CONCERT PARTY 12** D Hogan 4-9-5 ... **Alan Casey (7) 90**
18 (6) 75-66110 **ARCH ENEMY 2 (D)** P Magee 7-9-4 ... **Terry Casey (7) 93**
19 (2) 1128-90 **STEPS IN THE SAND J20 (C,D)** C Murphy 7-9-3 ... **RESERVE 92**
20 (13) 8-48471 **CALA BONITA 2** M Smith 4-9-10(7ex) ... **RESERVE 97**
21 (5) 2499601 **HEXAGONAL 7** D Hogan 5-9-3 ... **RESERVE 96**

BETTING: 3 Thatwilldoso, 4 Arch Enemy, 6 Superficial, 7 Fratas, 9 Diamond Exchange
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 3 1 7 8
2025: Thatwilldoso 4-9-7 Rory Cleary 10-1 (Kevin Coleman) drawn 3, 18 ran.

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

BATH

Going: Firm

5.35: 1 BELLE OF KT Miss Scarlett Dorricott (2-1); **2 Sea Of Charm** (9-2); **3 Fabled Spirit** (17-2). 4 ran (Bumaan evens fav). ns; 1l. J S Moore. T: £3; Ex: £8.30. Trifecta: £22.70. CF: £10.74.

6.08: 1 HAVANA GIFT W Fentiman (2-1 fav); **2 Texas Crown** (9-2); **3 Sheer Beauty** (4-1). 7 ran. ½l; ½l. J & S Quinn. T: £3; £1.60, £2.60. Ex: £15.90. Trifecta: £49.10. CF: £11.33.

6.43: 1 JACKIE BROWN F Marsh (15-8 fav); **2 Symbol of Hope** (17-2); **3 Sisters In The Sky** (9-1). 9 ran. ns; ns. A Wintle. T: £2.88; £1.20, £2.40, £2.50. Ex: £18.20. Trifecta: £139.70. CF: £19.21.

7.18: 1 HONKY TONK GIRL Mason Paetel (5-6 fav); **2 Kodicall** (3-1); **3 Elmfield** (11-2). 6 ran. 2¼l; ¾l. Oliver Cole. T: £1.84; £1.10, £1.50. Ex: £4. Trifecta: £9.80. CF: £3.64.

7.48: 1 NORDIC GLORY O Lewis (9-2); **2 Beerwah** (10-3); **3 Candy Warhol** (15-8 fav). 5 ran. ½l; 1½l. M Attwater. T: £5.50; £2.10, £1.50. Ex: £14.20. Trifecta: £49.60. CF: £19.52.

GALWAY

Going: Chase: good-good to yielding in places; flat: yielding to soft

5.00: 1 JOGA BONITO W J Lee (11-4); **2 Otherworldly** (5-2 fav); **3 Ischgl** (8-1). 15 ran. 3½l; ½l. P Twomey. T: €3.80; €1.40, €1.60, €2. Ex: €11.90. Trifecta: €45.70. CF: €10.75. NR: Closefield Beau, Mirren, September Duke.

5.30: 1 VICAR STREET Harry Cobden (13-8 fav); **2 Ocastle Des Mottes** (7-2); **3 Mickie Angel** (15-2). 9 ran. 5½l; 5½l. W P Mullins. T: €2.63; €1.20, €1.50, €1.60. Ex: €7.30. Trifecta: €31.80. CF: €8.43. NR: Great Attitude.

6.00: 1 KINGS HILL J J Slevin (5-1 fav); **2 A Penny A Hundred** (33-1); **3 Rising Dust** (14-1); **4 Charlie Luciano** (14-1). 20 ran. 3¾l; 3¼l; 7l. P Gilligan. T: €6; €1.70, €8.70, €4.40, €3.90. Ex: €273.90. Tricast: €2278.63. Trifecta: €1514.30. CF: €182.53. NR: El Champo, Lord Lariat.

6.35: 1 THREAD OF GOLD W J Lee (3-1 fav); **2 Immutable** (12-1); **3 Night Moon** (9-1); **4 Kingstonian** (9-2). 18 ran. 1¾l; hd; nk. W P Mullins. T: €4.30; €1.60, €3.30, €2.60, €2. Ex: €66.70. Tricast: €328.77. Trifecta: €683. CF: €43.23.

7.10: 1 STELLAR MOMENT R P Whelan (5-1); **2 Porters Corner** (3-1); **3 Shemiyka** (100-1); **4 Cosmetic** (13-8 fav). 16 ran. ns; 3½l; 2¼l. John O'Donoghue. T: €6; €1.70, €1.50, €21.20. Ex: €20.90. Trifecta: €1874.60. CF: €21.35. NR: Essential Comedy, Possum, Thisistheway, Zadawa.

7.40: 1 JP'S EXPRESS Wesley Joyce (10-3 fav); **2 Casamorati** (28-1); **3 Down The Glen** (17-2); **4 Belle Nuit** (33-1). 18 ran. nk; ½l; 2½l. M Mulvany. T: €4.34; €1.60, €5.90, €2.40, €6.30. Ex: €128.60. Tricast: €816.05. Trifecta: €1929.50. CF: €118.70. NR: Dont Get Me Wrong, Ella's Gold, Femme Beauty.

8.10: 1 VANTAGE CODE B M Coen (15-8 fav); **2 Espritroyale** (22-1); **3 Lady Plimsoll** (12-1); **4 Blissful Bonita** (10-1). 18 ran. 12l; 2¾l; ½l. E Mullins. T: €2.88; €1.10, €5.90, €2.70, €2.70. Ex: €58.30. Tricast: €454.15. Trifecta: €401.10. CF: €58.02. NR: Blackjack Hills, Celtic Druid, Covert Legend.

PLACEPOT: €55.20

GOODWOOD

Going: Good to firm

1.50: 1 DEFIANTLY D Browne McMonagle (11-4 fav); **2 Berkshire Sundance** (28-1); **3 Gooloogong** (100-1). 15 ran. 3l; 5l. J P O'Brien (IRE) . T: £3.75; £20.35, £1.55, £8.10. Ex: £75.70. Tricast: £6491.47. Trifecta: £2286.80. CF: £94.86. NR: Anniversary, Believitanducan, Sax Appeal.

2.25: 1 SHAYEM C Lee (17-2); **2 Talk Of New York** (2-5 fav); **3 Catullus** (10-1). 7 ran. ½l; 2½l. K R Burke. T: £9.95; £1.35, £1.05, £2.20. Ex: £21.60. Trifecta: £113.50. CF: £12.35.

3.00: 1 ARCHIVIST C Rodriguez (16-1); **2 Cerulean Bay** (12-1); **3 Classic** (18-1); **4 Ancient Rome** (33-1). 18 ran (Indalo 3-1 fav). 1¼l; ns; 1¼l. H Al Jehani (UAE) . T: £20.80; £6.65, £4.70, £7.05. Ex: £270.80. Tricast: £3624.45. Trifecta: £2992.50. CF: £199.43. NR: Beagle Bay, Cosi Bello, Mirsky, Rhoscolyn.

3.35: 1 AMERICAN AFFAIR P Mulrennan (12-1); **2 Rumstar** (6-1); **3 Time For Sandals** (14-1). 15 ran (Night Raider 5-2 fav). ½l; nk. J Goldie. T: £17.05; £5.45, £2.45, £4.90. Ex: £138.40. Tricast: £1073.28. Trifecta: £1187.30. CF: £81.17.

4.10: 1 GALEN D Browne McMonagle (3-1 fav); **2 Boiling Point** (10-3); **3 Jonquil** (9-2). 7 ran. nk; ½l. J P O'Brien (IRE) . T: £4; £1.50, £1.20, £1.95. Ex: £9.60. Trifecta: £31.60. CF: £12.67. NR: Crown Of Oaks, Naqeeb.

4.45: 1 REVELS S James (11-1); **2 Dubai Champion** (4-1); **3 Innichen** (13-2); **4 Sovereign Glory** (18-1). 18 ran (The Dancing Pirate 5-2 fav). shd; ½l; ½l. K R Burke. T: £16.50; £4.80, £2.50, £2.15. Ex: £120.90. Tricast: £342.95. Trifecta: £1475.20. CF: £58.50.

5.20: 1 INTO THE LIGHT W Buick (2-1 fav); **2 Devil's Peak** (11-2); **3 Waterford Castle** (6-1). 13 ran. 1¾l; ¾l. C Appleby. T: £3.30; £1.65, £2.05, £1.90. Ex: £20.70. Tricast: £62.37. Trifecta: £100.20. CF: £13.06. NR: Kenergy.

5.55: 1 SILVER LAKE S Osborne (4-5 fav); **2 Lady Dora Mae** (11-1); **3 Room Fourteen** (3-1). 7 ran. 3l; 2l. W Haggas. T: £1.90; £1.20, £1.70, £1.15. Ex: £12.50. Trifecta: £34.30. CF: £11.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £14,273.50 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £710.80
QUADPOT: £282.40

MUSSELBURGH

Going: Good-good to soft in places on straight course

5.45: 1 SOPHIESTICATE Shay Farmer (11-4); **2 Gemini Man** (2-1 fav); **3 Jedhi Knight** (10-3). 9 ran. 3l; 4½l. R M Smith. T: £3.75; £1.20, £1.20, £1.30. Ex: £10.20. Tricast: £18.34. Trifecta: £31.40. CF: £8.67. NR: Storm On Jura.

6.15: 1 GERRY'S DARLING K Stott (11-8 fav); **2 Hey Up Ronnie** (6-4); **3 Nosey Book** (17-2). 5 ran. 6½l; nk. Roger Fell. T: £2.38; £2, £1.10. Ex: £3. Trifecta: £6.60. CF: £3.60.

6.50: 1 BLUESTONE LADY B Garritty (18-1); **2 Bigalo** (5-2 fav); **3 Amantha** (9-2). 7 ran. ½l; 4¾l. Phillip Makin. T: £19.10; £6.60, £1.40. Ex: £70.70. Trifecta: £389.20. CF: £62.06.

7.25: 1 FRANCISCO'S PIECE O McSweeney (13-2); **2 Montezuma** (9-4 fav); **3 Jer Batt** (11-4). 5 ran. nk; ½l. A Keatley. T: £7.50; £3.60, £1.40. Ex: £23.40. Trifecta: £62.80. CF: £21.56.

7.55: 1 MONHAMMER H Burns (3-1); **2 Misemerald** (10-3); **3 Wait For It** (11-4 fav). 7 ran. hd; 2¾l. Miss L Perratt. T: £4.20; £1.70, £2.70. Ex: £15.50. Trifecta: £50.40. CF: £14.13.

NEWCASTLE

Going: Standard to slow

2.10: 1 WICKLOW WAY J Garritty (6-4 fav); **2 Millbuie** (10-1); **3 Rogers Dream** (7-2). 10 ran. 4¼l; nk. M Walford. T: £2.50; £1.20, £2.50, £1.40. Ex: £17.10. Trifecta: £70. CF: £17.54.

2.45: 1 SONIC ANGEL J Mitchell (4-5 fav); **2 Siouxperb** (15-8); **3 Blue Pete** (12-1). 8 ran. nk; 4¼l. S & E Crisford. T: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10, £2.30. Ex: £2.50. Trifecta: £9.70. CF: £2.56.

3.20: 1 NED BROY M Winn (4-1); **2 Is She Now** (9-1); **3 Time Turner** (3-1). 9 ran (Chambers 5-2 fav). ½l; 3¾l. I Jardine. T: £5.40; £1.80, £2, £1.40. Ex: £55.50. Tricast: £122.99. Trifecta: £143.30. CF: £39.05.

3.55: 1 HOUNDHILL A Jary (8-1); **2 Brave Traveller** (6-1); **3 Mayflyer** (33-1). 12 ran (Taaklam 4-1 fav). 1¼l; nk. N Tinkler. T: £10; £2.90, £2.40, £6.20. Ex: £62.30. Tricast: £1522.79. Trifecta: £3452.80. CF: £55.17. NR: Sunlit Sea.

4.30: 1 JAMAICAN STORM Oisin Orr (9-2); **2 Wish This** (15-2); **3 Reginald Charles** (6-4 fav). 10 ran. ¾l; ¾l. B Smart. T: £5.70; £1.60, £2, £1.10. Ex: £41.30. Tricast: £72.79. Trifecta: £117.60. CF: £36.97.

5.05: 1 CORAMENTO Oisin Orr (9-1); **2 Finn Ironside** (10-3); **3 Travis** (10-3). 9 ran (Holly Mist 2-1 fav). 3½l; 1½l. R Craggs. T: £10; £3.10, £1.60, £1.30. Ex: £44. Tricast: £123.07. Trifecta: £209.70. CF: £39.64.

5.40: 1 ASADJUMEIRAH E Tindall (6-1); **2 Ridgemaster** (8-1); **3 Desert Master** (11-1). 13 ran (Angel Of England 11-4 fav). 1l; 2¾l. A Brittain. T: £8.30; £2.50, £4.40, £3.90. Ex: £94.80. Trifecta: £688.80. CF: £53.20. NR: Uncle Sam.

PLACEPOT: £26.20
QUADPOT: £16.30

NEWMARKET

Going: Good to firm

5.50: 1 SEXY CHICK R Havlin (2-1); **2 National Honour** (13-8 fav); **3 Hayate** (13-2). 7 ran. 2l; ½l. R Spencer. T: £3; £1.50, £1.50. Ex: £7. Trifecta: £28. CF: £5.61.

6.25: 1 WITHOUT PREJUDICE R Havlin (3-1); **2 Aleatrix** (1-3 fav); **3 Golden Island** (20-1). 4 ran. 4½l; 7½l. J & T Gosden. T: £4; Ex: £4.50. Trifecta: £8.60. CF: £4.49.

7.00: 1 SPRING BLOOM N Callan (13-8 fav); **2 Robert Anstruther** (10-3); **3 Rebel Path** (17-2). 10 ran. nk; ½l. J Butler. T: £2.63; £1.20, £1.60, £2.50. Ex: £8. Tricast: £35.69. Trifecta: £43.30. CF: £6.94.

7.32: 1 NIKOVO R Scott (3-1 fav); **2 Cherry Cobbler** (14-1); **3 Exposure** (4-1). 9 ran. 2¾l; ½l. M Herrington. T: £4; £1.40, £3.10, £1.90. Ex: £44. Tricast: £174.05. Trifecta: £259.10. CF: £47.77.

8.02: 1 SOCIETY GIRL Ashley Lewis (11-8 jtfav); **2 Sibling Rivelry** (11-8 jtfav); **3 Spinney** (9-1). 4 ran. ½l; 6½l. E Walker. T: £2.38; Ex: £3.50. Trifecta: £8.70. CF: £3.49. NR: Dance Time.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: Standard

2.00: 1 STAR OF COMMALA Molly Keegan-Price (125-1); **2 Gilding The Lily** (7-2); **3 Foxy Night** (5-4 fav). 10 ran. nk; ½l. J Chapple-Hyam. T: £126; £21.40, £1.60, £1.10. Ex: £331.20. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £541.71.

2.35: 1 ESPANITA O Stammers (20-1); **2 Merry** (14-1); **3 Angels' Share** (10-3). 10 ran (Gunfighter 5-2 fav). nk; 2l. C Johnston. T: £23.70; £5.10, £3.30, £1.40. Ex: £280.80. Tricast: £1209.40. Trifecta: £2393.20. CF: £277.22. NR: Lessay, Piazza.

3.10: 1 CARNIVAL OF LIGHT O Stammers (11-4 fav); **2 Inside Story** (5-1); **3 Ghisa** (9-2). 9 ran. nk; 3l. C Johnston. T: £3.75; £1.30, £1.90, £1.90. Ex: £21.80. Tricast: £60.68. Trifecta: £116.20. CF: £17.17.

3.45: 1 SUGGY D Muscutt (6-4 fav); **2 Lightning Glory** (10-3); **3 Always Blue** (20-1). 9 ran. 2½l; 3¼l. C Hills. T: £2.50; £1.10, £1.60, £5.20. Ex: £5.30. Tricast: £70.61. Trifecta: £55.40. CF: £6.47. NR: Highland Shah, Lexington Express.

4.20: 1 ROC DE FER L Morris (1-4 fav); **2 Much** (9-2); **3 Fans Favourite** (12-1). 7 ran. 1½l; 5l. Sir M Prescott. T: £1.25; £1.10, £3.50. Ex: £2.80. Trifecta: £7. CF: £1.84.

4.55: 1 AMERICAN STYLE H Davies (2-1 fav); **2 Moving Force** (33-1); **3 Angel Love** (7-1). 10 ran. 2½l; 2l. K Ryan. T: £3; £1.40, £8.20, £4.40. Ex: £64.40. Tricast: £413.18. Trifecta: £578.40. CF: £83.73.

5.25: 1 HAPPIER Jack Doughty (7-4 fav); **2 Fancy Dancer** (3-1); **3 Bust A Moon** (50-1). 6 ran. 2l; 1¾l. M Keighley. T: £3.10; £1.50, £1.60. Ex: £10.90. Trifecta: £166.20. CF: £7.19.

PLACEPOT: £24.80
QUADPOT: £4.20

SCOTT THE LOT . . . Katie Scott wins big pot with Naana's Shadow

A Glorious week for the underdog

THE big guns turned up in force at Glorious Goodwood this week and, on the whole, they didn't miss.

Bow Echo and Billy Loughnane were brilliant in the Sussex and received one of the loudest receptions I can remember at this track.

And Aidan O'Brien, whose form was being questioned coming into the meeting, ended up banging in three big winners, including Group 1s with Scandinavia and Diamond Necklace.

But it has also been a week for the underdogs, a fine example of what racing's lesser lights can do when given a fair crack. And that was exemplified by the likeable Katie Scott, who trains a string of 20 or so horses in the Scottish Borders, and she deserves a special mention.

Because she has worked wonders with the admirable **Naana's Shadow**, who was bought out of Alice Haynes yard for just 20 grand at the sales last year.

Since being sent up to Scott the three-year-old filly has improved dramatically, winning four of her seven starts for the yard including big handicaps at Epsom, York and now Goodwood.

She has already banked over £100,000 in prize-money and has even been given a punchy entry in the Prix de l'Abbaye on Arc day in Paris.

Given the amount of improvement Scott has already eked out of her, why not have a punt?

Kaiya Fraser is a jockey we've flagged up a few times in this paper as a man to follow, and the Hackney lad gave **Dr Rascal** the ride of the week in the Vintage Stakes on Tuesday.

In his first ever ride in a Group race (he has spent most of the last couple of years traipsing around smaller meetings in the North) he gave Oli Cole's colt an absolute peach to beat Ryan Moore and William Buick in a driving finish.

But most impressive was his courage to aim for a narrow gap on the rail – we've seen so many jockeys try it over the years and end up with egg on their face. Fraser's ballsy gamble paid off, showing he has the killer instinct to earn more opportunities at this level.

Not everybody had a pleasant time on the South Downs, and Charlie Appleby again struggled to make significant impact at one of the non-Newmarket festivals. His leading lights came up short but **Into The Light** at least salvaged some pride in a handicap yesterday.

But there wasn't much the trainer could do about William Buick's absolute howler on 2-5 favourite **Talk Of New York**, as he gave him far too much to do in the Thoroughbred Stakes. He comfortably gets the wooden spoon for worst ride of the meeting.

Not that there have been any suggestions Buick's job is under threat, but Loughnane is very much in the fold at Godolphin now and he doesn't make those mistakes.

Rarely a Goodwood goes by without some drama in the stewards' room and there was plenty of chat about Oisin Murphy's effort, or lack of it, during the inquiry after Wednesday's opener, when he was narrowly beaten on **Hatteen**.

But I've long felt it is completely pointless having the jockeys answer questions during these long, drawn out inquiries, when stewards have every conceivable angle already covered multiple cameras. They can see exactly what has happened and should save everyone's time by making a decision by themselves.

We don't ask for footballer's input during a VAR check, do we?

It's been another blinding week in Sussex – now roll on York.

YOUR NO 1 GREYHOUND ROUND-UP WITH CHRIS OLIVER

DANICA looks too Dapper at Monmore.

Having made all in this grade last month, **DAPPER DANICA** (1) is fancied to take some catching when she drops back into an A6 at 12.42.

Brian Thompson's bitch has been pacing up well in A5 events since and was beaten less than two lengths last Saturday. She can get clear beyond recall on the downgrade.

Another taken to make the most of being eased in class is **AERO NODUFF** (3), who goes in the A4 at 1.17.

The Richie Taberner-trained bitch won a heat of the BGBF British Bred Puppy Cup at Dunstall Park recently and went down by a length in an A3 last week.

She caught the eye finishing fast that day and is expected to turn more prominently at this lower level.

There is a fantastic card at Hove where the finals of the Coral Sussex Cup and Coral Regency feature. The whopping £20,000 prize in the latter decider (8.46) should go the way of the unbeaten **Droopys Flare**, but she is priced accordingly and better value may be found in the other big final at 9.26.

This is a much more wide-open affair with plenty of early speed and there could be a few goalkeepers in behind if **COPNEY QUEEN** (3) leads up.

She was just beaten to the punch by Behemoth in the fastest semi but the latter loses the striped jacket here and the selection has a good chance to cut loose at a price in the white jacket.

ROMEO TOMCAT (6) did well to win after trouble on his return and he can improve for that pipe-opener to land the Coral 500 Standard Trophy final at 7.26.

■OLIVER'S ARMY: Dapper Danica (T1, 12.42 Monmore); Aero Noduff (T3, 1.17 Monmore); Romeo Tomcat (T6, 7.26 Hove); Copney Queen (T3, 9.26 Hove)

SELECTIONS

■MONMORE: 11.01 Seven Stars (3-1-5) 11.18 Mr Brightside (nap) (6-1-5) 11.34 Tullymurry Skies (nb) (5-6-2) 11.52 Noruffsorscruffs (2-3-1) 12.09 Tromora Spice (3-6-5) 12.26 Lady Luck (1-4-3) 12.42 Whyaye Dubai (5-6-3) 12.59 Race With Belle (1-5-6) 1.17 Missy Jackell (6-2-5) 1.33 Longacres Tommy (1-6-4) 1.51 Sugar Candice (4-2-1) 2.07 Magical Be Lucky (2-4-3)

■ROMFORD: 11.09 Minnie Majestic (1-4-5) 11.27 Seomra Mint (4-6-1) 11.43 Ideal Guest (3-6-2) 12.01 Fire Magic (nap) (3-5-6) 12.18 Oioi Savaloy (5-2-1) 12.34 Rock Me Rosemary (4-5-1) 12.51 Bacon Frazzles (nb) (3-5-1) 1.08 College Twain (1-3-4) 1.26 Jet Velocity (4-3-1) 1.42 Kilara Zach (6-4-5) 1.59 Badminton Treaty (1-3-5) 2.14 Blazeaway Blue (6-1-5)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Howtimeflys (nap) (2-3-4) 2.48 Slingshot Clyde (nb) (3-4-2) 3.08 Clona Levi (1-3-5) 3.28 Killeacle Denise (3-6-5) 3.48 Ballycian Boy (3-4-1) 4.08 Brickkiln Matty (3-4-5) 4.28 Love The Dogs (4-6-2) 4.48 Greenwell Crazy (6-3-5) 5.08 Swift Rabbit (2-4-1) 5.24 Easy Oz (5-1-2) 5.43 Salahs The Goat (1-6-2) 6.01 Aboxoffrogs (4-1-3)

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■HOVE: 11.01 Rifle Bullet 15-8f (6-5-1 BAGS F £9.28). 11.18 Mavis Minger 9-4 (6-5-1 £7.64). 11.34 Chisem John 6-4f and Courancove Cat 13-8 DH 1st (1-4-5 £2.40, 4-1-5 £2.43). 11.52 Soul Nomad Evensf (4-5-2 £6.48). 12.09 Mertonaby Lad 5-2f (6-3-5 £12.29 TC £31.70). 12.26 Cecil Deville 5-4f (5-1-4 £5.71). 12.42 Smashngrabpunk 2-1 (1-5-3 £7.07). 12.59 Punk Rock Puff 10-3 (4-1-6 £22.55). 1.17 Swift Jarvis 6-5f (1-2-5 £9.04). 1.33 Spiritual Gift 15-8 (2-3-1 £7.53). 1.51 Roanna Zara 9-4 (2-1-4 £7.55). 2.07 Slippy Donal 13-8f (3-2-6 £7.06).

■CENTRAL PARK: 11.09 Whoopwhoop Molly 6-1 (3-2-1 BAGS F £17). 11.27 Hollyoak Abigail 3-1 (3-6-5 £16.69). 11.43 Swift Quaid 8-11f (4-1-2 £3.62). 12.01 Headford Sirl 4-5f (6-5-3 £8.14). 12.18 Eire Jeff 4-7f (4-1-5 £4.29). 12.34 Beach Bar 9-1 (1-2-4 £21.39). 12.51 Samrose Jet 3-1 (2-3-1 £13.99 TC £33.45). 1.08 Beach Time 7-4 (3-4-2 £6.20). 1.26 Hollyoak Violet 6-5f (1-6-2 £8.27 TC £31.12). 1.42 Miami Eagle 11-8f (2-1-6 £20.28 TC £100.82). 1.59 Harlequin Missy 10-3 (5-6-4 £14.67). 2.14 My Jaspie 15-8 (4-6-3 £6.05).

■KINSLEY: 2.29 Ballymac Dalton 10-3 (1-4-6 BAGS F £18.41 TC £47.49). 2.48 Crossfield Reba 11-4jt (2-3-1 £22.56 TC £66.26). 3.07 Eagles Magic 15-8f (3-2-5 £9.42 TC £24.05). 3.26 Ballymac Alyssa 5-1 (1-2-4 £18.81). 3.44 Jella 2-1f (2-4-5 £14.01 TC £54.11). 4.03 Mandeville Mist 15-8f (5-6-3 £16.54). 4.22 Monbeg Shark 9-2 (6-2-1 £14.70 TC £35.48). 4.41 Use The Clock 11-4 (5-1-3 £13.35 TC £64.98). 4.59 Glenshee 2-1f (2-3-5 £9.63).

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